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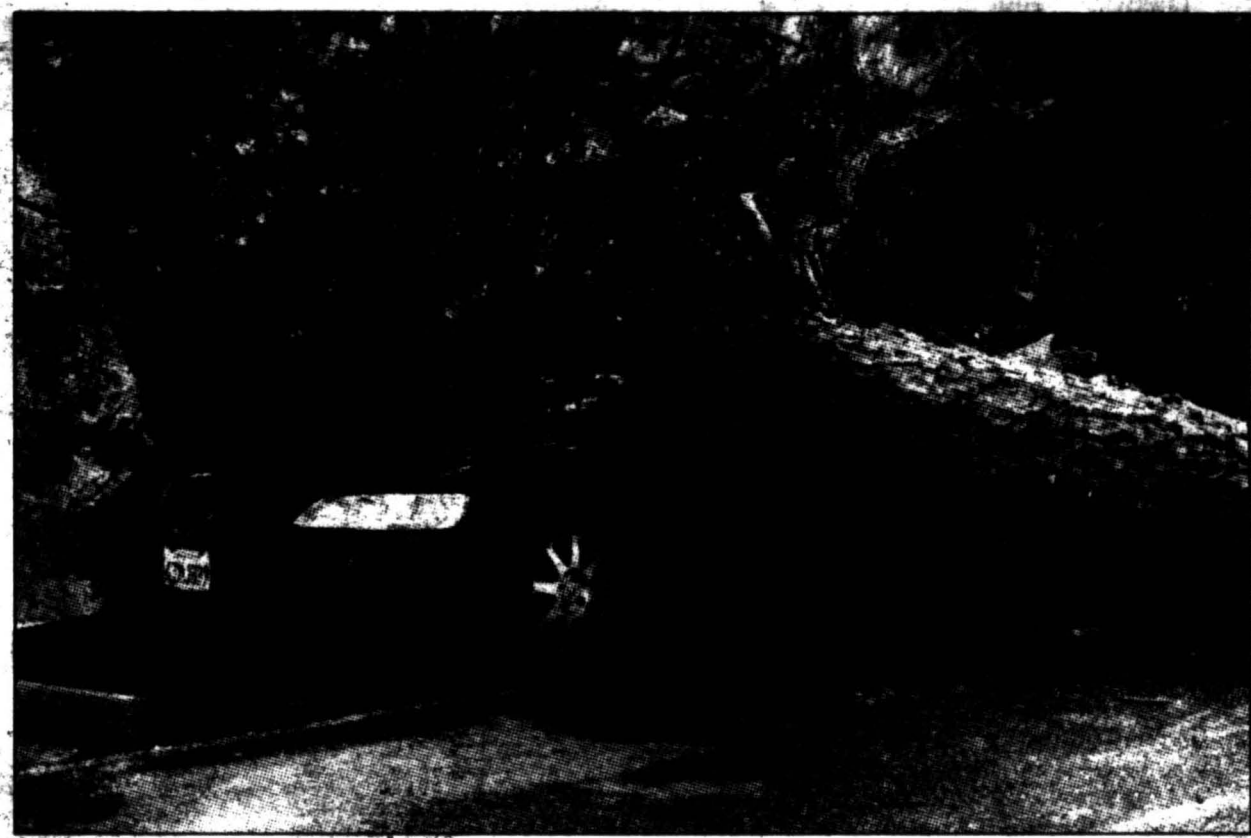
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It's beginning to look a lot like winter ...

Wednesday's blustery storm brought dozens of large trees down around the Monterey Peninsula. Midmorning, Holman Highway was blocked by a 70-foot Monterey pine (right) that fell while somehow managing to avoid cars on the busy road. About the same time, another large pine fell on a parked car at the Asilomar conference grounds (below). In Pebble Beach, at least 15 pines toppled over, and a power pole (below right) was snapped in two by winds that gusted to about 50 mph. No injuries were reported in any of the incidents.

PHOTOS/CHRIS COUNTS (RIGHT), PAUL MILLER



Two resignations leave planning department empty

By KELLY NIX

AFTER LOSING two longtime employees within three months, the City of Pacific Grove has found itself without any planners and is relying on a private firm to help out with the city's land use issues.

The lack of city planners, whose responsibilities include processing building permits, ensuring building code compliance and enforcing zoning regulations, reflects a statewide shortage of workers in the profession.

"I'm hoping we will get through this quickly," Pacific Grove Mayor Dan Cort said of the vacancies. "Because yes, there will be delays caused by a lack of a full staff."

Several of the city's architects agreed. One, who did

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COMPUTER-SAVVY THIEVES HIT INNS

By MARY BROWNFIELD

SOMEONE TRIED to steal \$1.4 million from the Inns by the Sea in dozens of computerized transactions that sent funds to numerous destinations, including overseas, according to the Carmel Police Department.

"It's a significant amount of money," said detective Jesse Juarez. "It initially looked like it was going to be that much, but now it's not that much because there was an ability to recover some of the losses."

He would not say how much was taken and said he's working "to determine how exactly it was done."

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The road to Mexico passes through a little-used national park

By: PAUL BROCCCHINI

CHANNEL ISLANDS National Park is the least-used national park in the nation, with only about 30,000 visitors a year. But for boaters, the Channel Islands are one of the most interesting and exciting places to anchor on the West Coast.

Just off the coast of California, the feeling on the islands — Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, Santa Barbara and San Miguel — is one of great remoteness. When at anchor at any of them, it can be hard to believe the Golden State, with its 30 million-plus people and unbelievable hubbub, is just a few miles away.

In 2003, my wife, Nellie, and I spent a memorable night at Smugglers Cove on Santa Cruz Island, where the phosphorescence in the water was so dense we could watch the fish dashing around the boat, leaving gorgeous trails behind them.

This year, on our October course down the coast, we hoped to visit San Miguel Island, the westernmost Channel Island and the windiest. But we were wary of attempting it.

Carmelite Ken Wiese has visited San Miguel many times on his beautiful Swan sailing sloop and has regaled us with stories of anchoring in

Cuyler Cove with the wind blowing 40 knots and having to deploy three anchors to keep from crashing on the rocks.

We were not eager to share that experience and planned to stop at San Miguel only if the conditions were favorable. We left Port San Luis, in San Luis Obispo County, the morning of Oct. 12 at 4:45 a.m. The early departure would, we hoped, put us into San Miguel before sunset. With this goal in mind, we motored out of the harbor in the early morning dark, somewhat aided by a clouded moon and the lights from Pismo Beach that sparkled off our port side.

We had southerlies all day, which meant the wind was on our nose, and we had to motor sail. Our first goal was Point Sal, and then Point Arguello. We slowly made our way past the four large oil rigs wonderfully named Rene, Hidalgo, Harvest Light and Hermosa. They are enormous structures that were fun to see and apparently very attractive to sea life that like to hang out around their steely legs.

Also, we had a number of whale sightings during the day and several occasions of dolphins dancing off the bow.

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No tax break for owner of historic home

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AT A special city council meeting Dec. 19, Lincoln Street homeowner David Hutchings was again denied a property tax break in exchange for maintaining his historic home under a state law known as the Mills Act.

The city's historic resources board and planning staff had recommended the tax break be granted. But this week's decision by the council not to give Hutchings the special status mirrored the council's "no" vote in August. Hutchings challenged that decision in a lawsuit filed in Monterey County Superior Court a month ago but dropped the suit in exchange for another hearing before the council.

Hutchings hoped to convince the council his 71-year-old home — designed by C.J. Ryland, who also drew plans for Sunset Center, the Bank of Carmel and several other notable Monterey Peninsula buildings — should be preserved under a Mills Act contract that could cut his property tax bill by more half. He pays \$18,380 a year.

According to the act, property owners who commit to 10-year maintenance and upkeep plans can get tax savings to help offset the costs. Hutchings' home is one of only eight buildings voluntarily listed by their owners on the city's register of historic properties, and he is the only owner who has tried to get a Mills Act contract.

"There's a big misconception that Mr. Hutchings' property and the maintenance program he's proposed don't justify the benefit of the Mills Act contract," attorney Sheri Damon told the council.

Enacted in 1972, the Mills Act is supposed to "foster

preservation of residential neighborhoods" by offering incentives to owners of historic buildings, according to the California Office of Historic Preservation. But the act does not require cities to participate. While Carmel has deemed hundreds of homes within the city limits to be historic, it has also put strict rules in place to limit the number of houses that can qualify for a cut in property taxes.

Since Hutchings bought the house in September 2004 for \$2 million, Damon said he has spent more than \$26,000 on exterior improvements, including \$6,349 on copper gutters, and has an extensive maintenance plan to preserve the home in an excellent condition.

The 10-year plan calls for repairing stucco, resurfacing the driveway, rehabilitating shingles, sanding and staining the deck, scraping and repainting lanterns and window panes, rehabilitating steps and railings, and general maintenance. The list also includes items such as cleaning gutters and "monitoring tree roots."

Rehabilitating an historic home can be very expensive, Damon told the council.

"Sometimes replacing a screw in a casement window can be \$150 if the screws are no longer made," she said. "I wouldn't want to own an historic house because I wouldn't want to put up with that. Mr. Hutchings does."

And to offset the city's losses in property taxes — one of the concerns voiced by council members during previous discussions of the Mills Act — Damon and Hutchings proposed the city charge a fee of \$2,000 per year of the contract.

But the council turned aside the proposal, voting 4-0 to reject the contract. Hutchings' house is bigger than allowed by current zoning on his land, the council decided, and therefore doesn't meet the requirement that Mills Act houses be 100 percent conforming. Damon had argued the exceptions to height and number of stories were allowed by the city's Mills Act criteria.

The vote was a more decisive outcome than the August hearing, when councilmen Gerard Rose and Erik Bethel favored Hutchings' proposal. Bethel has since left the council, while Mayor Sue McCloud and council members Paula Hazdovac and Mike Cunningham voted "no" both times.

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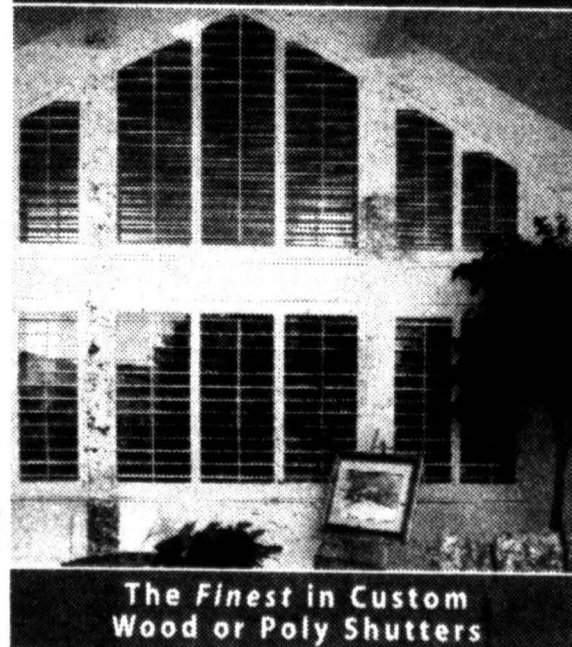
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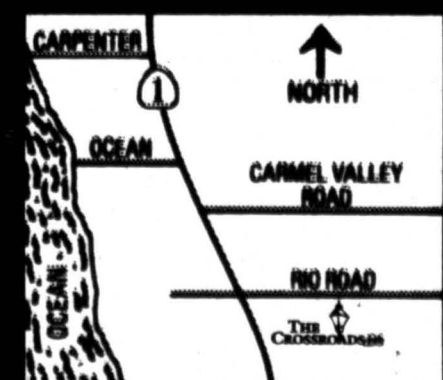
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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Ankle-biting not appreciated

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department, the Carmel Fire Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Brownfield.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to reported vehicle accident at San Carlos and 10th. At scene, controlled the scene with Carmel P.D., assessed the driver of a

vehicle with moderate damage to the front end, and prepared the patient for transport to CHOMP. Engine returned to station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to reported odor investigation. At scene, found light smoke in the attic/storage loft of a business but were initially unable to find the source of the smoke. Firefighters established Ocean IC, upgraded the response to a structure fire with two more engines, another ambulance and two Pacific Grove chiefs responding. Soon found the source to be a non-compliant cover over the floor heater. The

metal grating/screen was covered with a granite material to match the existing flooring tile. Opened the area up and extinguished the small smoldering fire with a water extinguisher and hand tools. The gas supply was shut down. Also ventilated existing smoke. No property damage.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a reported medical emergency. Assisted the medics with the care and transport of a resident with chronic pain. Engine returned to station.

Carmel Valley: Resident reported his mailbox being stolen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported an altercation occurred in Mission Trail Park between a loose dog and her leashed dogs. The incident occurred while a woman walking with her dog off leash southbound approached the woman with two dogs on leash northbound. The dog off leash was described as white and gray in color, with black on the left side of its head, long hair, and about 60 pounds. The loose dog ran up to the leashed dogs aggressively and a scuffle ensued. The loose dog was retrieved by its owner. The two owners discussed the

incident and then left the area. The reporting citizen stated this was the second contact with the dog in the same manner inside the park. No injuries were found. Unknown name of the woman described as blond, shoulder-length hair, medium build, 5 feet 5 inches, carrying a black umbrella.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim reported loss of wallet while in the commercial district on Dec. 11 after 1400 hours. If located, please notify reporting party.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Booked a male suspect, age 56, at Santa Rita and First Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim reported loss of bracelet on or around Sept. 19. Attempts to locate bracelet have met with negative results. If located, please notify reporting party.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: On this date, a citizen came to the station to report an incident that occurred in the business area. While walking past a woman walking two small dogs, one of the dogs nipped her on the rear area of her left leg. No injuries had occurred; however, the reporting person was concerned with the incident. The incident was discussed between the reporting party and the owner of the dogs. The dog owner's name was not obtained at the time

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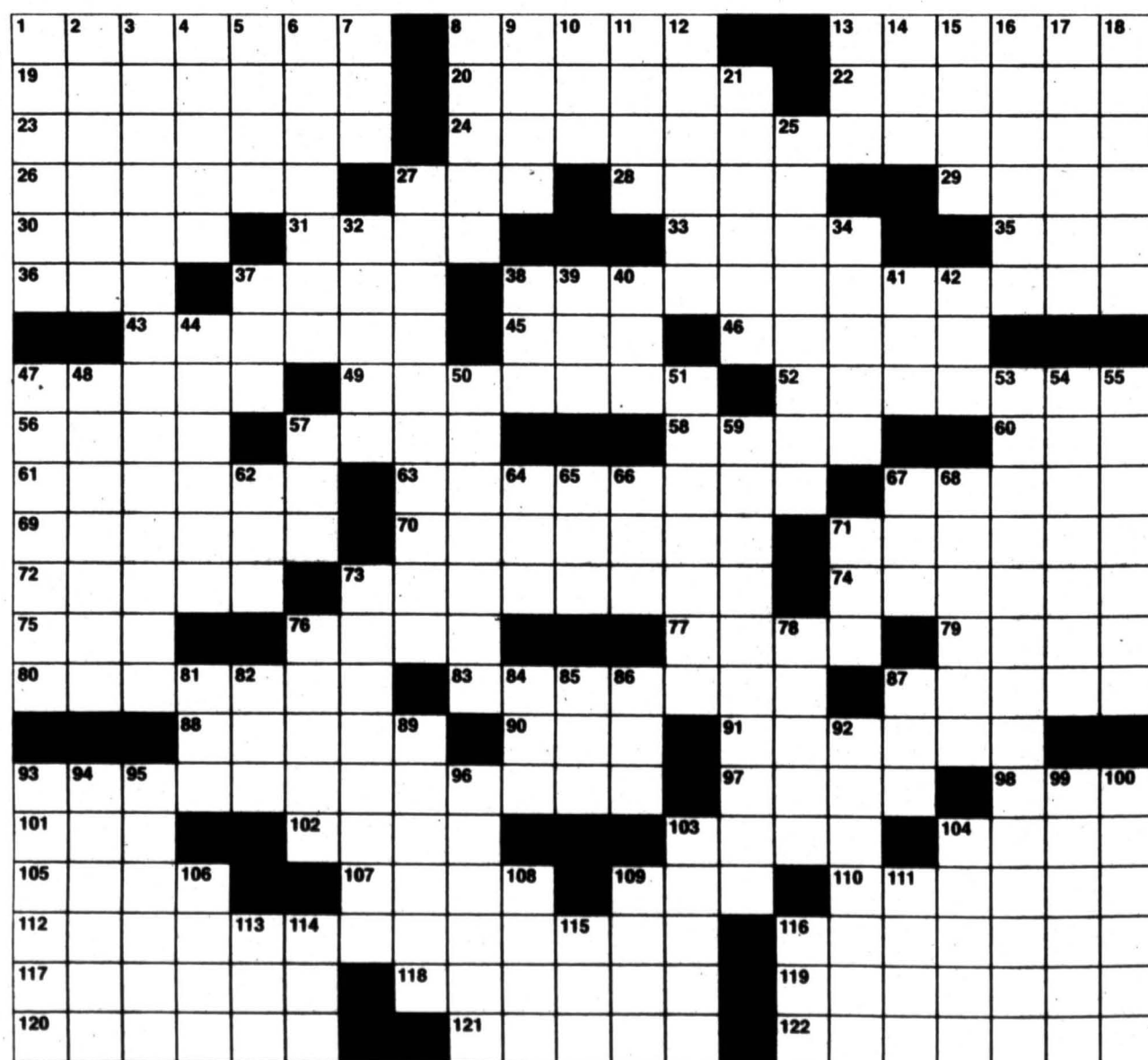
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Christmas-hating vandal strikes with spray paint

THE GRINCH paid a visit to Carmel-by-the-Sea a few days before Christmas.

Images of the cranky Dr. Seuss character's face were conspicuously stenciled in bright orange spray paint on walls throughout the city sometime Thursday night or Friday morning, according to Carmel Police Sgt. John Nyunt.

The Grinch's mug was painted in threes below the Carmel Plaza's sign at Ocean Avenue and Junipero Street, along the Paloosh store wall facing Dolores Street, on a wall down the street at Homescapes Carmel, on Paloma's in the former Mediterranean Market building at Ocean and Mission Street, across the back of a newspaper rack near that same location, and on the wall of the Sharper Image shop facing San Carlos Street.

"It was a vandal who thought it would be a little bit funny," Nyunt said.

But the police officers, city building maintenance supervisor Bernard Martino and victims weren't very amused, as they spent time and energy erasing the images.

"We did a lot of the cleanup," Nyunt said. "We didn't want it to be a blight on our community."

Martino painted over the last of the Grinch heads on the Sharper Image wall Wednesday morning, according to Nyunt. Police are investigating a few leads but haven't caught the culprits yet.



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

These Grinches were spray painted on the side wall of the Sharper Image store on Ocean Avenue.

New Year's DUI lookout

DRUNKEN AND drugged drivers will likely end up in police custody as beefed-up holiday patrols run through New Year's Day. The California Highway Patrol will have every available officer on duty from Dec. 29 through Jan. 1, as will many local police departments. Seaside P.D. announced it would set up a DUI checkpoint at Del Monte Boulevard and Canyon del Rey from 9 p.m. Dec. 30 to 2 a.m. Dec. 31.

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from the Marina Department of Public Safety and the Seaside Prevention Coalition, the checkpoint will "educate the public, discourage driving while intoxicated and enforce DUI and other alcohol-related violations," according to SPD.

Last year, 39 people died during Christmas weekend and 44 were killed during New Year's weekend on California roads, according to the CHP. More than 2,000 motorists were arrested on DUI charges.

Anyone who sees a suspected drunken driver should call 911 and describe the vehicle, as well as its location, direction of travel and license plate number.

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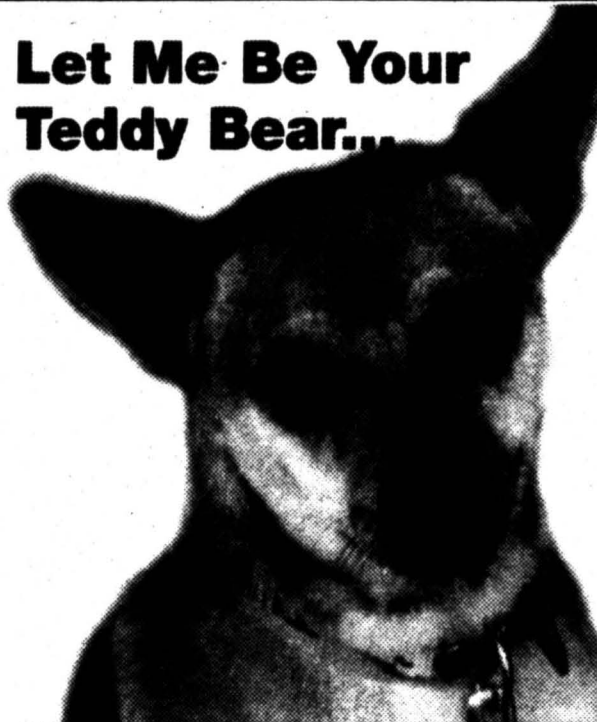
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Volunteers tackle impassable trails in Big Sur backcountry

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER REOPENING a trail from the remote Santa Lucia Memorial Park campground (near Fort Hunter Liggett) to the Coast Ridge Trail, the Ventana Wilderness Alliance is now setting its sights on a network of trails that surrounds one of the most dramatic natural landmarks along the Big Sur Coast, Cone Peak.

Despite frequent criticisms that the U.S. Forest Service tries to buy up more land while neglecting upkeep on the parks it already has, trails in the Ventana Wilderness section of Los Padres National Forest are actually getting better. And nobody is more responsible for completing the sweaty, back-breaking work than the VWA.

"We think people need to get into the wilderness," explained the group's president, Tom Hopkins. "To value and

respect the wilderness, people need to experience it. That's why the trail system is so important."

A meal fit for a king

A section of the trail from the Santa Lucia campground had been impassable since a 1999 wildfire. Rehabilitation began almost two years ago and wrapped up the weekend of Sept. 23 when seven volunteers graded, cut back brush, repaired erosion and removed 14 downed trees, including a sizable 28-inch specimen.

"The project is a great example of what happens when everyone works together," commented Paso Robles resident Dave Knapp, VWA trail crew coordinator.

The work site was inaccessible to vehicles, but thanks to the support of the forest service's mule team, volunteers were able to relax in relative luxury at the end of each day's hard work. Wine, cheese, chili verde over rice, pasta, chips and guacamole, and homemade chocolate chip cookies were provided to the weary workers.

Ambitious project aims as high

Standing more than 5,200 feet tall, Cone Peak is considered the highest coastal mountain in the United States (outside Alaska and Hawaii). A network of hiking routes — including the Vicente Flat, Stone Ridge, Gamboa and Cone Peak trails, as well as portions of the North Coast Ridge Trail — surrounds the dramatic mountain. Unfortunately, many stretches of the trail network are in poor shape. But an ambitious project proposed by the VWA could change that.

The project — which will require paying a forest service blasting crew to remove several particularly stubborn trees — is still in the planning stages, but Hopkins is confident his group will get the OK from local forest service officials who are concerned about the impact any project might have on rare plants and archeological resources.

"We hope to be working on the project by spring," he said, despite the lack of federal support for backcountry trails.

"It's frustrating," said Hopkins of the lack of federal funding for local public lands. "Congress won't give [the local ranger district] the money to do their job. They have half the personnel they had 20 years ago, and arguably, they are dealing with more issues now."

P.B. exec named Pasadera partner

PAUL SPENGLER, executive vice president of the Pebble Beach Company, has elevated his membership at Pasadera Golf Club to managing partner. According to the club, he will continue working for Pebble but will also use his industry know-how to help improve the club and golf operations at Pasadera, the area's only Jack Nicklaus-designed course.

Spengler became a member of Pasadera when it opened in the spring of 2000 under the leadership of partners Fred Bates, Lee Newell and Tom deRegt.

As a managing partner, Spengler will share his "invigorated spirit, unparalleled management experience, and remarkable understanding and appreciation for golf operations," according to the partners. Spengler said the club has room to grow, and he looks forward to the challenge of implementing that.

His experience in the sport runs the gamut. He was general chairman of the 1992 and 2000 U.S. Opens at Pebble Beach and can hold his own on the golf course.

In 1996, he won the California State Senior Amateur Championship. He was also a three-time Hawaii State Amateur Champion who was inducted into the Hawaii Golf Hall of Fame in 1997. In addition, Spengler served as president of the Waialae Country Club.

On the professional side, before joining the Pebble Beach Company as senior vice president of golf operations in 1990, Spengler was venue director for the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympic Organizing Committee.

From 1984 to 1990, he was director of golf operations at Ohlmeyer Communications Company, producing golf telecasts of PGA Tour, Senior PGA and LPGA events for ESPN and NBC.



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Shary Farr, life-planning specialist



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Financial Focus



by Linda Myrick, AAMS
Investment Representative

TIME FOR NEW YEAR'S FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

Once again, it's time to make New Year's resolutions - including some financial ones, too. Here are a few to consider for 2007:

If your salary goes up this year, increase the percentage of your earnings that you defer into your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan.

Next, try to fully fund your IRA. In 2007, you can put up to \$4,000 into a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$5,000 if you are 50 or older.

Also, build a sufficient cash cushion - about six to 12 months' worth of living expenses - to handle any unexpected financial needs.

Here's one final resolution: Keep on investing. Don't let events such as international conflicts or political turmoil send you to the investment sidelines.

If you can achieve these New Year's resolutions, you can give a potential boost to your financial situation in 2007 - and beyond.

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

In my final column as your 2006 Chairperson I want to share just a few of the highlights of the Chamber's remarkable year:

- The highest membership count since 1997
- First annual membership luncheon
- The Carmel Card was introduced
- Visitor Center volunteer program was established
- Four Member Focus groups were held
- Created and hosted the first Peninsula Chamber Leadership Summit

• The China Trip was offered and in such demand that we are having two!

• We raised \$7000 to help improve the median's in Carmel

• Held numerous mixers which gave our Members a great opportunity to build their businesses by networking

• The Taste of Carmel, a superb event, was at the Mission

• The Green Ribbon Dinner of Excellence, another memorable event, was held at Stonepine

There is, of course, much more to tell than there is room to tell it! Members will receive a letter detailing all of the highlights of 2006 in January.

I have been fortunate to serve with an outstanding and hard working Board of Directors in 2006 and would like to acknowledge them for their servant leadership in this great organization. Special thanks to the retiring Board members, who have done a wonderful job for our Membership. They are: our Immediate Past Chair, Maria Murray, Craig Anapol, Billie DiMonaco, Barbara Gianotti, Kurt Grasing, Jennifer Kriste, Thomas Nash and Tammis Tharp.

The 2007 Board of Directors will be ably led by our incoming Chairperson, Michael Adamson. Returning to serve on the 2007 Board are: Vice Chair, Thompson Lange; Vice Chair, John Lloyd; Treasurer, John Haveles; Judy Higerson, and Tod Strain. Joining them are new Board members: Kathy Aronson, Tom Williams, Wendy Brodie, Carl Brzovich, Lynn Lozier, and Jill Sheffield. The City of Carmel is represented by Paula Hazdovac. I will continue on the Board as Immediate Past Chair.

I want to thank and acknowledge our exceptionally talented Chamber staff. Our dedicated corp of volunteers who do a wonderful job greeting and assisting visitors from all over the world at the Visitors Center is led by Lisa Budlong. The many projects that require countless man hours of work are ably administered by Amanda Mahon. Our Assistant Director, Gilda Soule, is one of the most consistently cheerful and competent people I have ever had the pleasure to work with. Our CEO, Monta Potter is a passionate advocate for the Chamber's membership. She works tirelessly on our behalf. We are blessed to have her as the public face of our dynamic organization and it has been my pleasure to work with her.

Finally, I want to thank the membership. You are the Chamber and it has been my privilege to serve as your Chair in 2006.

Thanks for the Memories!

Janet Reilly, 2006 Board Chair,

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Tuesday, January 16, 2007 • 7:45 a.m.

- Meet Michael Adamson, 2007 Board Chair
 - State of the Chamber by CEO Monta Potter
 - The Carmel Card and what it can do for your business
 - \$10 per person charge includes a breakfast buffet
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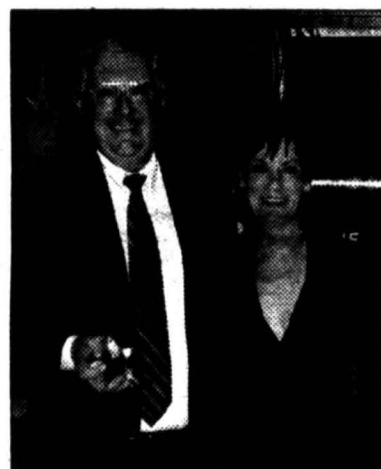
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GREEN RIBBON AWARDS

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Janet Reilly congratulates John Elford, retired board member, with the Volunteer of the Year Award.



Tod Strain of the Carmel Plaza receives the Business of the Year Award from outgoing chair Janet Reilly, Keller Williams Realty.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Nov 22-Jan 28 | "Buddy"- The Buddy Holly Story by Pacific Repertory Theatre, Golden Bough Theatre, 622-0100 |
| Dec 30-31 | Twist & Shout Tribute Concert by Pacific Repertory Theatre, Golden Bough Theatre, 622-0100 |
| Dec 31 | First Night Monterey, Downtown Monterey, 373-4778 |
| Dec 31 | Monterey Bay Aquarium New Year's Eve Gala, Monterey, 866-963-9644 |
| Jan 1 | Rio Resolution Run, Rio Grill Restaurant, Crossroads Shopping Village, 624-9492 |
| Jan 4-6 | Carmel Art Association January Show, Opportunity Wall, 624-6176 |
| Jan 5 | Tokyo String Quartet presented by Chamber Music Monterey Bay, Sunset Cultural Center, 625-2212 |
| Jan 10 | The Torme Sings Torme, Sunset Cultural Center, 620-2048 |
| Jan 11 | Carmel Chamber of Commerce New Member Orientation, Carmel's Bistro Giovanni, 8:00 a.m., 624-2522 |
| Jan 16 | The Hungarian State Folk Ensemble, Sunset Cultural Center, 620-2048 |
| Jan 20-22 | Monterey Symphony presents Concert Three - From Russia With Love, Sunset Cultural Center, 800-698-1138/831-624-8511 |
| Jan 27-28 | Pacific Repertory Theatre General Auditions, Golden Bough Theatre, 622-0100 |
| Jan 30 | TPO Human Resource Management 2007 Employment Law & Leadership Conference, Embassy Suites Monterey Bay, 800-277-8448 |
| Jan 31 | Annual Doctor's Conference, Sunset Cultural Center, 626-8636 |
| Feb 3 | Carmel Music Society presents "Arnaldo Cohen, Piano", Sunset Cultural Center, 625-9938 |

AT&T SHUTTLE

AT&T Shuttles Will Run for 5 Days This Year

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce along with the Carmel Innkeepers Association will once again be running shuttle buses from Carmel to the AT&T Pro-Am Golf Tournament in February.

For the Celebrity Challenge on Wednesday, February 7, fans will no longer be able to park in Pebble Beach and will be asked to take shuttles from CSUMB. Because of this, the chamber will offer shuttles from Carmel to the AT&T Pro-Am from Wednesday, February 7 through Sunday, Feb. 11, with a shorter schedule on Wednesday. Passes will \$10 per person for a 1-day pass allowing unlimited rides. Tournament fans may also purchase the any-day golf tournament ticket at the bus stop or at the Carmel Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center ahead of time.

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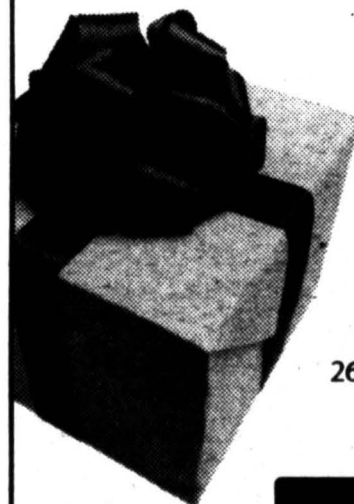
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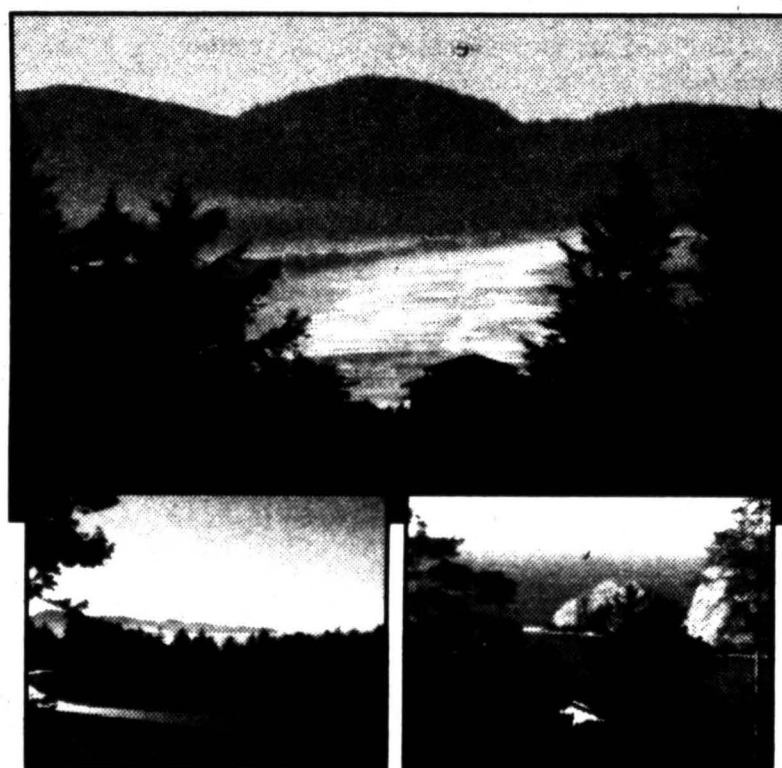
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Pebble Beach reads The Pine Cone

Police department recruits 'eyes and ears'

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL POLICE Department's first VIPs — Volunteers in Policing — met the city council this month, but by then they'd probably already seen their elected officials while keeping people out of the Ocean Avenue planters at the Christmas tree lighting or directing traffic during the city's birthday/Halloween parade.

Lee Whitney — known by many as one of the most cheerful employees of Wells Fargo Bank and a member of many service clubs — and retired educator Stuart Miller underwent special training to become CPD's first uniformed volunteers. The duo, whose radio call signs are Victor 1 and Victor 2, will not only help with public events, but disasters or large scale emergencies, and with some tasks at the station.

"These are the first two — the babies of the family," Sgt. Mel Mukai told the city council Dec. 5. Mukai spent about 18 months developing the plan to recruit, train and retain volunteers, borrowing what he liked from VIP programs in other jurisdictions. Mukai said the cities of Sacramento and San Diego have about 300 volunteers each.

Of seven applicants, Mukai said he selected Whitney and Miller for their volunteerism, philanthropy, community service and altruism. They had attended citizen policy academies, passed extensive background checks and underwent 16 hours of additional training, including ride-alongs with on-duty officers. Police services officer Jeff Olinger taught them techniques for using their police radios, and Cpl. Steve Rana helped them learn about traffic laws and directing.

"Directing traffic is the most fun so far," Miller said. "It requires you to be totally present and to make instant decisions."

Whitney said she enjoys aiding the community in a new way. "This is hands-on," she said. "We are the eyes and ears."

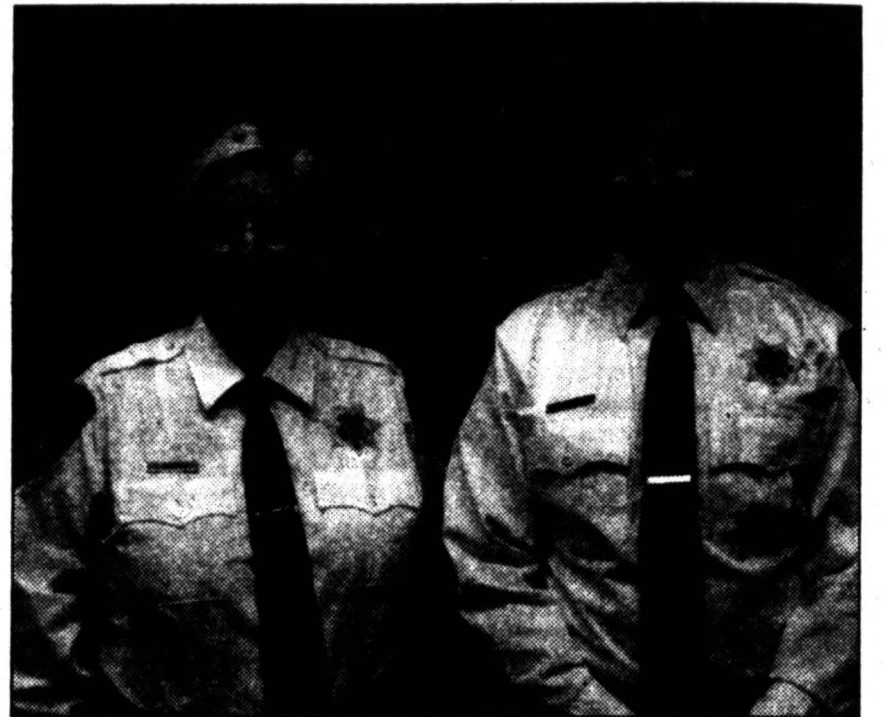
Gaining insight into law-enforcement work gave them renewed appreciation for the cops.

"I, who had known nothing about police except what you see on television, was astonished at the range of humanity that is required in police work," said Miller. "Not only do they have to be prepared to confront violent danger at any traffic stop, but a lot of their work is service, and service that can require knowledge of conflict resolution, social work and psychology."

Whitney, who knows many of the police department's staff through her job at the bank, commented, "It encompasses so much understanding and compassion."

Mukai is proud to have Whitney and Miller in uniform on behalf of the department and said he hopes to build the VIP group.

For more information about volunteering, call Carmel P.D. at (831) 624-6403.



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They don't carry guns or write tickets, but new police volunteers Lee Whitney and Stuart Miller pick up plenty of work at Carmel P.D.



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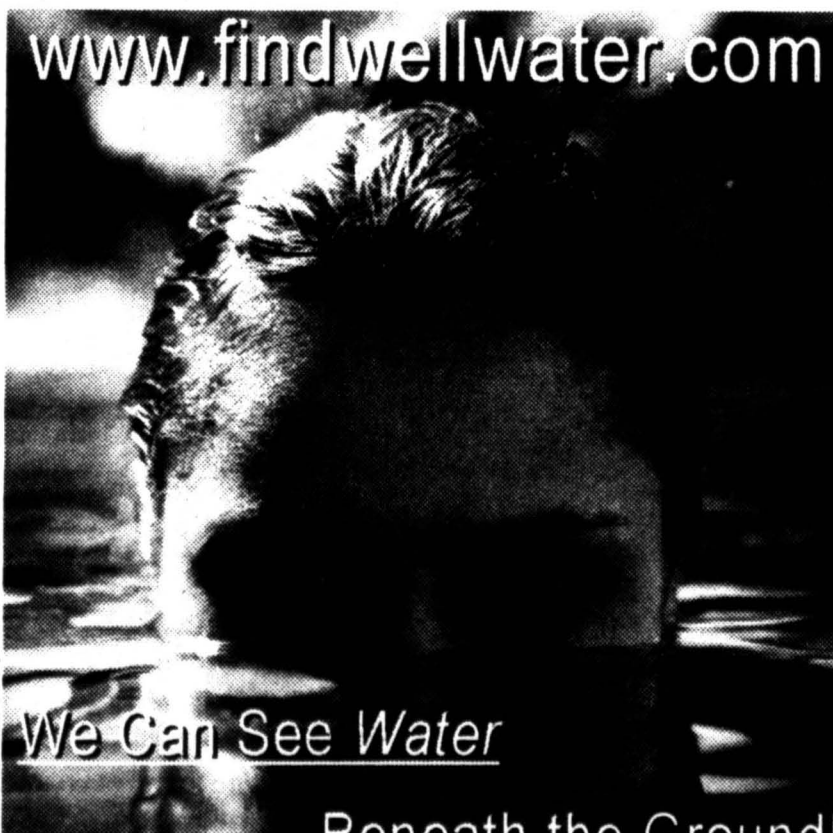
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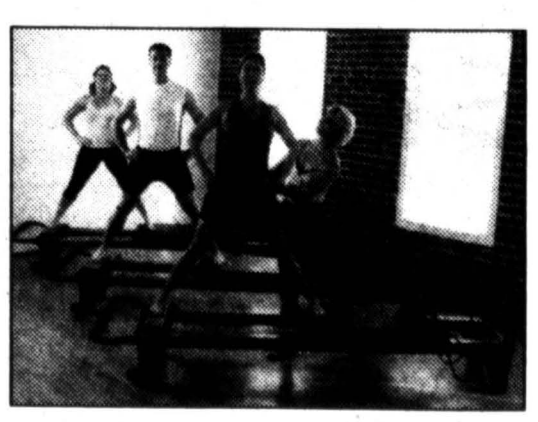
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Airport owners to present new housing plan

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER YEARS of false starts, a plan to turn the former Carmel Valley airport into housing is ready to start wending its way through the permit process.

The Delfino family, which has owned the 30-acre property for more than 50 years, is proposing 29 single-family lots of 13,500 square feet each, almost an acre for 10 multi-family residences, and 14.5 acres of open space.

The first step for the project will be the hearing in front of the Carmel Valley Land Use Committee Tuesday, Jan. 2, at St. Phillips Lutheran Church.

The property, which is located in the heart of Carmel Valley Village, was purchased by Peter Delfino in 1953 from the airport's founder, Tirey Ford.

The airport, which opened Dec. 7, 1941, was the world's first residential airpark development, according to the Carmel Valley Historic Airpark Society. Ford reportedly believed that one day small planes would become an affordable transportation option for the general public. He even envisioned a "homes with hangars" community.

Ford's ambitious idea never got off the ground. The day after the airport opened, President Franklin Roosevelt declared war on Japan. In response, Ford put his plans on hold and joined the Army Air Corps. After the war, when it became apparent to Ford that small planes had limited commercial potential, he shifted his focus to developing a "village" around the airport. That development eventually became what is known today as Carmel Valley Village.

Responding to a unanimous recommendation by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors that the airport was not a valuable historic resource, the State Historical Resources Commission determined in 2000 that the airport was eligible for inclusion on the state register of historic places. Meanwhile, about 1,700 Monterey Peninsula residents signed a petition supporting the preservation of the air-

port.

The airport remained open until 2002, when the Delfinos closed it after a series of contentious public hearings.

When the Monterey County Housing Authority considered shutting down the Rippling River affordable living complex three years ago, the agency briefly proposed building a new subsidized housing facility on the airport site. The plan never came to fruition and the housing authority eventually agreed to refurbish the existing Rippling River facility.

The church is located at 8065 Carmel Valley Road, across from All Saints' Day School. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.



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About half of the former Carmel Valley airport could become housing. The rest will remain open space, its owner says.

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Just in time for the New Year, Team in Training will hold several informational meetings on the Monterey Peninsula: Tuesday, Jan. 2, noon, Embassy Suites, 1441 Canyon del Rey Blvd., Seaside; Thursday, Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m., La Mesa Community Center, 1200 Fechteler Drive, Monterey; Thursday, Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m., Keller Williams Realty, 26200 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Carmel; and again at the Embassy Suites Saturday, Jan. 13, at 10 a.m.

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By Margot Petit Nichols

BUSTER ROSEN-Ahmed, a Pembroke corgi, will be 5 on Jan. 4. In anticipation of a forthcoming birthday celebration, he was smiling from ear to ear prior to

descending the stone steps at Santa Lucia and Scenic on the weekend at Carmel Beach. His red and white coat was immaculate, his fluffy

white bib in perfect order — all soon to be rendered soggy and sandy chasing tennis balls on the wet beach.

When he comes to Carmel from his home in Pebble Beach with Mom Rebecca and Dad Riaz, both physicians, he's all ready to race after the balls they chuck for him with their Chuckit ball flinger. Buster tears off after the ball, picks it up and then drops it immediately, waiting for a random passing dog to return it to his folks. A herder by nature and instinct, Buster prefers to herd the ball-carrying dog back to Mom and Dad where the process begins again.

At home, Buster follows his parents around, but when they go in adjoining rooms, he waits in the hallway on stakeout, keeping both under surveillance until they come out. Then he begins following and herding them all over again.

Buster loves animal toys, especially squeaker toys. His favorite at the moment is a mallard duck. So far, it's still intact, but most squeaker toys are torn to bits and pieces in his mission to render them mute. So thrilled is Buster at the prospect of desqueaking them, he actually licks his lips in anticipation.

A good boy at heart, Buster has only gotten into serious trouble twice: the time he swallowed Mom's earring and the time he got kicked out of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., even though the Welsh were our allies during the war.



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Frank Bruno was allegedly driving 15 mph over the speed limit before deputy Sabrina Hawkins stopped him near Robinson Canyon Road at 10:45 p.m. Dec. 23, according to Ragan.

The loaded guns — a .44 Magnum under

the front seat and two rifles in the back seat — weren't visible, but Bruno admitted having them, Ragan said.

"The deputy asked him," he said. "You have any guns, knives, drugs in the car?" As a matter of routine, the deputies just ask, and some people say, 'Yeah.'"

Hawkins also smelled alcohol on Bruno's 17-year-old passenger, who was visiting from out of town, according to Ragan, so she was cited for drinking and violating the terms of her probation related to a case in San Luis Obispo County. She was released to her aunt.

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Grace Margaret Fulton

JULY 22, 1916 - DECEMBER 15, 2006

Grace Margaret Fulton, 90, passed away on Friday, December 15, 2006, ending an arduous and adventurous life.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Grace was born on July 22, 1916, in Oakland, CA to George and Margaret Klinger. She lost her father at a young age and grew up in a loving household with her mother, aunt and 2 sisters.

She attended Armstrong Business College in Berkeley, CA and graduated with a AA degree. While attending Armstrong she met her future husband Frank and they were married on Feb. 20, 1937. When WWII began Grace was left to raise her first two sons while Frank served his country and celebrated the end of the war with the birth of a 3rd son.

In 1947 Frank went to work for the Arabian American Oil. Waiting a year, as was company policy, she and their boys flew alone on a three-day journey to be reunited with Frank. Grace participated in the social life of the company's compound and became an expert on the seashells of the Persian Gulf and, in this unfamiliar country, she then gave birth to a fourth son.

They lived there for 14 years, traveling also to Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Grace and her family returned to the US in 1961, moved to Menlo Park, CA., and later retired to Pebble Beach. In her retirement years Grace became an accomplished watercolorist, and an occasional "human interest" contributor to the local Monterey County paper.

Grace's husband of 60 years then passed away in 1997, and she moved to Sandpoint in 2004, to be closer to her son Bill.

Grace is survived by her children William K. (Sherry) Fulton, Richard G. (Evelyn) Fulton, Thomas I. Fulton; daughter-in-law Bobbie Wonderly-McLaughlin, grandchildren Paul K. Fulton, Annie Fulton, Caroline Gotelli, Matthew R. Fulton, David J. Fulton and 8 Great-Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank, her youngest son James and 2 older sisters, Ramona and Elinor.



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Applications will be accepted until January 12, 2006 for the following unscheduled vacancy:

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1. All members of the Planning Commission shall be residents and registered voters of the City and have particular interest in, and familiarity with, planning matters.
2. If possible, membership of the Planning Commission shall include at least one member who is a licensed architect, a building designer, or is associated with the building trades or construction.

Persons interested in applying for the position may pick up an application at City Hall, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. Applications are available during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.).

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Linda Sue Dineen, Age 54 peacefully passed away at her home in Carmel Valley on December 22, 2006. Linda was born in Roanoke, Virginia and was a resident of Monterey County for over 31 years. She is survived by her husband of 20 years, Michael O. Dineen; son Carl Marshburn of Carmel Valley; daughters, Teresa Merrill of Modesto, Heather Valdez of Salinas, Kristin Brownlie of San Jose and Michelle Dineen of Carmel Valley; granddaughters, Carla Marshburn of Pahrump, Nevada, Brittany Merrill of Modesto, Kayla, Emily and Ashlynn Valdez of Salinas. Linda enjoyed gardening and spending time with her children, grandchildren, family and friends.



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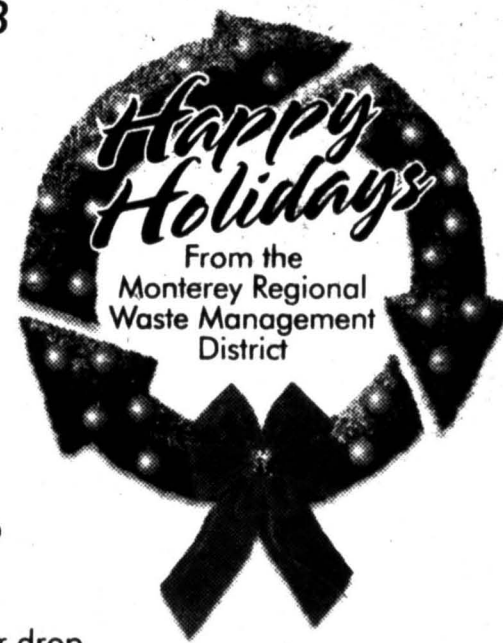
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Mexican folk dancers, jamming blues rockers highlight First Night

By CHRIS COUNTS

FROM ITS dazzling, multicultural opening ceremony, to its electrifying (and electrified) grand finale, this year's 14th annual First Night Monterey promises New Year's revelers a feast of music, color and celebration.

A remarkable collection of creative types — from musicians and dancers, to poets and puppeteers — will descend on downtown Monterey Sunday evening to welcome 2007.

"It's a really big show, so you should try to plan what you're going to see," suggested First Night Monterey executive director Ellen Martin.

And she's not kidding. Sixty acts, at 30 venues, will entertain the celebratory crowds.

According to Martin, the lively opening ceremony at 3 p.m. sets the tone for the rest of the festivities.

First Night begins with "Tonatiuh: Danzantes del Quinto Sol," a performance at Custom House Plaza by 30 children from the Cesar Chavez Elementary School in Salinas who studied traditional Mexican folk dancing as part of First Night Monterey's cultural outreach program.

"This is what First Night is all about," beamed Martin. The folk dancing youths will be immediately followed by a high-energy percussion onslaught, courtesy of the Taiko Drummers from Japan.

"It will be a thrill for all ages," Martin predicted. Later, the grand finale, beginning at 11 p.m., will provide

See **FIRST NIGHT** page 16A



The Surrealists, comprised of local high school students, play groove-oriented jazz rock at this year's First Night Monterey.

The food and wine that made 2006 memorable

By CHARYN PFEUFFER

SOME PEOPLE chronicle a year with political missteps and celebrity antics. But my moments of passage are always epicurean experiences — many superlative, some mediocre, and in rare cases, borderline life-scarring. In the spirit of nibbling and scribbling, here's a glimpse of the food, wine and personalities that defined my year.

Standbys such as Montrio, Passionfish, R.G. Burger and A.W. Shucks made regular appearances in my play-book, but several new restaurants arose with big promise. In Carmel, David Fink, the local king of haute cuisine, expanded his empire with Cantinetta Luca. On Cannery Row, Tony Tollner and the Downtown Dining crew debuted Willy's Smokehouse, a much needed, casual-yet-quality concept that's making locals and tourists happy. On Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove, David Freppia transformed the former Favaloro spot into Mélange, a delightful neighborhood boîte and wine bar, while the Cellar Door Chop Shoppe upped the ante for meat eaters. And that's just the short list.

See **GREAT** page 14A

Gallery honors beloved local artist who can no longer work

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE WORK of one of the Monterey Peninsula's best loved artists, Mary Buskirk, will be presented in an exhibit that opens this week at the Winfield Gallery.

Buskirk, a nationally recognized textile artist, will be on hand when the gallery hosts an opening reception Friday, Dec. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m.

While Buskirk's work has been displayed in galleries throughout the United States, she has actively participated in the local arts community for decades.

In 1976, Buskirk was commissioned to create "By Wind and Sea This Land Was Formed," a series of woven panels, for the new Monterey Conference Center. Buskirk was appointed to the City of Monterey's Cultural Arts Commission in 1992. The same year, she joined the board of First Night Monterey in its inaugural year. In 1993, the Monterey Museum of Art curated solo exhibition of her work at the conference center. In 2001, the Monterey Museum of Art hosted a retrospective exhibition of her work.

Suffering from Alzheimer's disease, the 75-year-old Buskirk is no longer working as an artist.

A native of Mountain Lake, Minn., Buskirk and her husband, Fred, moved to California in 1960, where he accepted a teaching position at the Naval Postgraduate School.

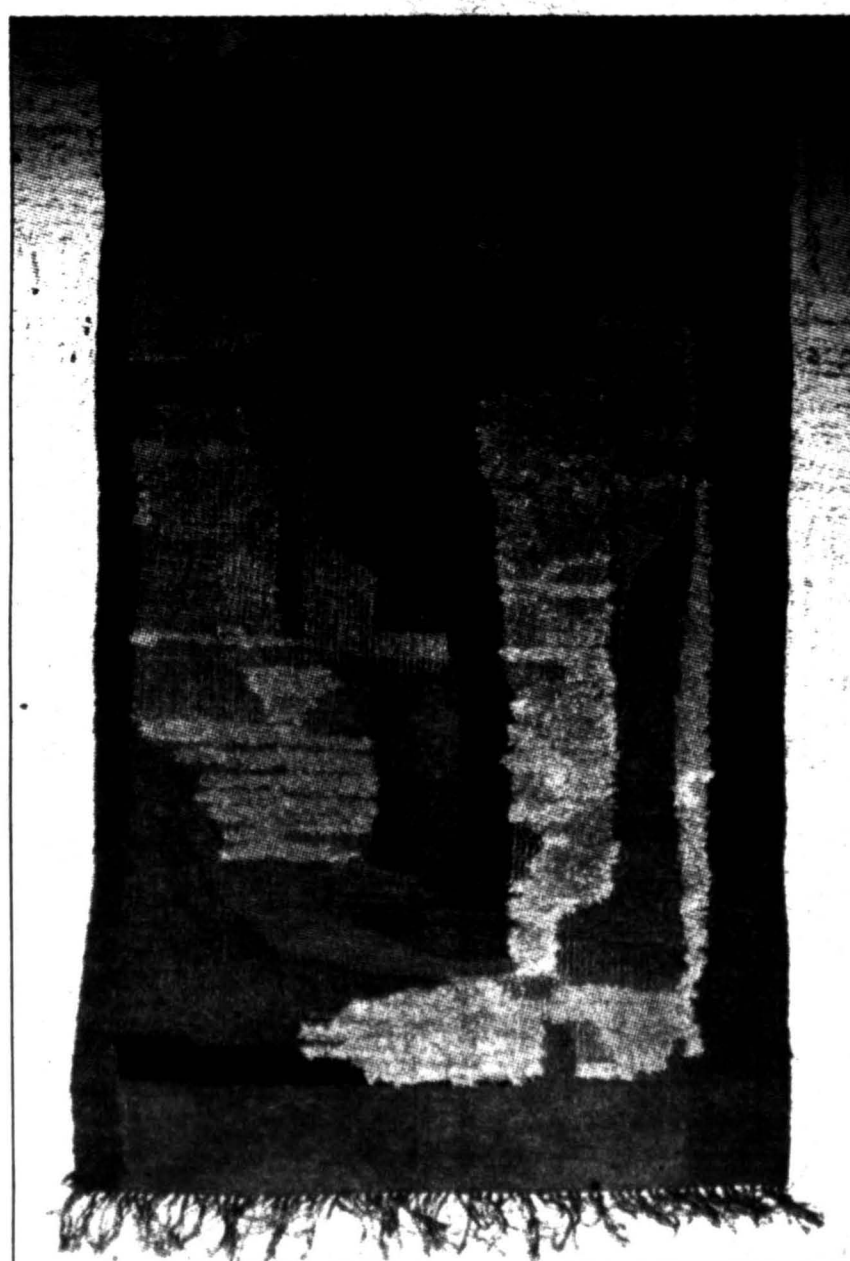
The exhibit will continue through Jan. 28. The gallery is located on Dolores Street between Ocean and Seventh in Carmel. For more information, call (831) 624-3369.

Art center offers watercolor classes

Starting this week, the Pacific Grove Art Center offers a watercolor painting class for adults. Every Wednesday for six weeks, from 1 to 3 p.m., instructor Julie Heilman will meet with students.

"It's a very welcoming environment," Heilman explained. "A lot of good techniques are shared. So come and paint and share."

The cost is \$60 for six classes. For more information, call (831) 646-1392.



Carmel's Winfield Gallery will host a month-long exhibit of acclaimed local textile artist Mary Buskirk's work.

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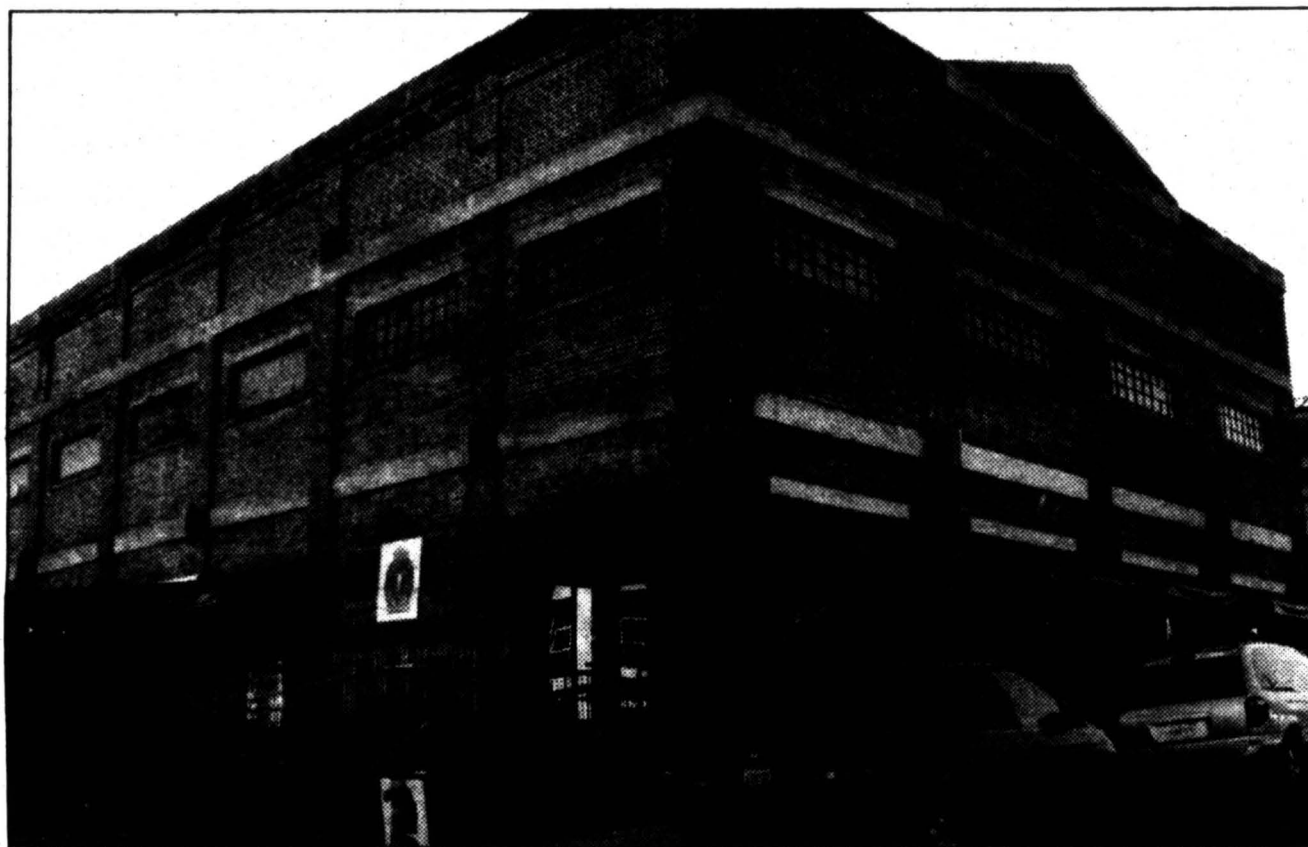
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On the local wine circuit, I was on hand for the celebration of Jacques and Janet Melac's acquisition of Rancho Cellars with Willamette Valley (Oregon) Brooks Winery. The late winemaker Jimi Brooks' sister, Janie, lives in Pebble Beach and is doing a tremendous job carrying on her brother's vision. The list of new local wineries was lengthy, including Böté, Caverson Vineyard, Chesebro Wines, Figge Cellars, Mission Trail Vineyards, Parsonage, PGA Tour Wine, Silvestri Vineyards and Szalay Winery. The Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association signed on the services of public relations agency Wagstaff Worldwide to help bring more attention to its three annual events. For the second year running, I was in esteemed company as a judge for the Monterey County Fair's Wine Challenge. November turned out to be a big to-do for wine geeks as the Highlands Inn put its award-winning list on sale. I'm not certain what induced the premature spring-cleaning of the cellar, but anyone who took

advantage of the half-off deals wasn't asking too many questions. As usual, there was a never-ending lineup of winemaker dinners: The August Kessler dinner at L'Auberge, the Talbott dinner at Bouchée and the DeTierra dinner at Stokes Restaurant & Bar were all spectacular.

This year, many of local culinary luminaries translated their talents to paper and published cookbooks, including "Food to Live By: The Earthbound Farm Organic Cookbook," by Myra Goodman (Workman Publishing Co.), "Sierra Mar Cookbook," by Craig von Foerster (Gibbs-Smith), and "50 Years of Shake Family Traditions and Treasured Recipes," by Chris and Sabu Shake Jr. (I'm waiting patiently for Montrio's ever-affable Tony Baker to up his media profile and write a book already.) Speaking of stars, the 20th Annual Masters of Food & Wine attracted such superchefs as Daniel Boulud, Ming Tsai, Alain Passard and Gordon Ramsey. The Great Wine Escape Weekend brought Tony Mantuano from Spiaggia in Chicago, Mark Dommen from One Market in San Francisco and Michelin-starred David Kinch from Manresa in Los

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Food & Wine

FOOD

From previous page

Gatos. Kinch is coming back to join powers with Cal Stamenov of Bernardus Lodge for the 21st Annual Masters of Food and Wine in February.

(Get ready to drool ... the line up of chefs and events is available online at www.mfandw.com.)

A move to Carmel Valley Village reacquainted me with Café Rustica and Will's Fargo. New loves in my life include Paradise Wine Bar, the Running Iron, the many home wine-makers and heirloom tomato growers I've met, and the real-

ization that my Chevron sells Silver Oak. *For real.*

New places on the list

Also on the food front, I was a contestant in the first annual cake-eating contest sponsored by Rosine's Restaurant at the Monterey County Fair and, regrettably, haven't been able to look at a piece of cake since. (How am I supposed to win next year without proper practice?) Teri at Knuckles Sports Bar has kept fans entertained on Sundays during football season with her take-no-crap attitude. On the off weekends, Amber took over Bloody Mary duty at Edgar's at Quail Lodge. New to my dining rotation this year were Flying Fish, Sardine Factory and Stoke's. Numerous sky-high meals at Sierra Mar with out-of-towners were all stellar, although I'm skeptical of the state of the restaurant with Post Ranch Inn's upcoming renovation/expansion. Dinners at the Monterey Bay Aquarium for Cooking for Solutions and MCVGA's

Great Wine Escape Weekend were beyond magical. Chef Dory Ford at Portola Restaurant doesn't get nearly enough credit.

So, in the spirit of spreading holiday spirit all over the place (including my hips), kudos are in order for the individual proprietors, public relations people and members of the local media who work tirelessly to bring increased attention to the 831, as well as every person working in our local food, beverage and hospitality industry. I know it's not an easy business.

Lastly, I need to pony up some appreciation for my other half who helps educate (and pamper) my ever-evolving palate. Aside from being a dedicated teacher in the art of the swirl, sniff and sip, I'm grateful you're willing to dine out with me on your token nights off from the biz. Your company makes every eating opportunity a memorable dining experience. Thank you.

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FIRST NIGHT

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the soundtrack for the countdown to midnight. Opened by the tasty blues rock of local favorites, Red Beans and Rice, the finale will morph into an all-star jam session featuring many of Monterey County's finest musicians.

And between the opening ceremony and the grand finale, First Night ticket holders will be treated to eight hours of nonstop entertainment choices. The highlights include:

■ **The Black Irish Band** — one of the best loved of all First Night performers, at the Steinbeck Forum in the Monterey Conference Center. They'll play at 6:30, 7:30, 9 and 10 p.m.

"They really get everybody stomping and clapping and singing along," offered Martin.

■ **Monterey Symphony Brass Quintet** — This gifted local quintet plays music from all eras, by composers as diverse as Bach and Fats Waller. They'll play at Carleton Hall, 400 W. Franklin, at 3:15, 4 and 4:45 p.m.

"They're going to start with the Baroque period, and end with a little jazz and swing," Martin said.

Also appearing at Carleton Hall will be I Cantori di Carmel, a local choral group that just celebrated its 25th anniversary. I Cantori presents a cappella renditions of music from the Renaissance to the present. They'll perform at 6:30, 7:15 and 8 p.m.

■ **Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears** — One of the evening's most unusual performances is an ambitious interactive presentation that tells a West African folk story.

"It's a fabulous tale with puppetry, song and dance,"

Martin explained. "It's about a mosquito who tells an iguana he has seen a yam bigger than himself."

The Monterey Museum of Art will host performances of "Mosquito" at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

■ **Jonah and the Whalewatchers** will be joined by the Surrealists at the Old Monterey Music Hall. The Whalewatchers mix reggae with an assortment of other Caribbean influences, while the Surrealists are local high school musicians with an affection for groove-oriented jazz rock. The Surrealists will play at 6:45 and 7:45 p.m. The Whalewatchers perform at 9 and 10 p.m.

■ **The Chicano All-Stars** — From Richie Valens' "La Bamba," to contemporary hits by Santana, the seven-piece local Latino rockers play at the Serra Ballroom in the Monterey Conference Center at 9 and 10 p.m.

■ **Crabapples** — If you like to dance, but the electrified decibels of the Whalewatchers or the All-Stars are too much for your eardrums, you might consider visiting the Crabapples in the Masonic Lodge Hall, where they'll play traditional Appalachian folk dancing music at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

There's fun for kids as well. Bay Books hosts the P&T Puppet Theatre's rendition of "Three Little Pigs" at 3:15 and 4:15 p.m. And the Regency Theater presents "Kids on Stage," an interactive program of operatic arias and classical music used to introduce children and teenagers to the classics, at 3:30, 4:15 and 5 p.m.

Finally, beloved poet Ric Masten will be featured at the Maritime Museum at 6:15, 7 and 7:45 p.m., where he will present his latest humorous musings on the human condition. Masten, Carmel's official "People's Poet and Troubadour," has performed at First Night Monterey for 12 years.

"I'll do some new stuff and some old stuff," explained

Masten, whose ongoing health challenges have become a rich source of poetic inspiration. "Each year, I always wonder if this is will be my last year. And then someone says to me, 'I'll see you next year.'"

Masten, a longtime Big Sur resident, isn't worried about the possibility of wet weather, despite a soggy Christmas season.

"The weather report always says it's going to rain on First Night," Masten recalled. "And it never does."

Adult admission buttons for First Night Monterey are \$15 through Dec. 30, and \$20 the day of the event, with 15-and-under buttons going for \$12 and \$15. For more information, call (831) 642-4778 or visit www.firstnightmonterey.org.



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PLANNERS

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not want to be identified because his comments might make it harder for his clients to get permits, called the vacancies at city hall a "major crisis" and complained it's "already hard enough to get anything done in Pacific Grove."

In October, the city's associate planner, Sally Rideout, who had been with city for eight years, left for a private firm. Barbara Nelson, a senior planner who had been with the city for 20 years, left in December to take a job with the City of Seaside.

"There appears to be a demand for planners up and down California right now," said Jon Biggs, the city's community development director, "so we are competing with other jurisdictions and consulting firms for good candidates."

Carmel Planning Services Manager Brian Roseth doesn't have any planners, but he agreed the Peninsula's high cost of living makes it tough to fill vacancies. His two assistants, Sean Conroy and Nathan Schmidt, were hired from Utah and Indiana — which means they weren't familiar with the numerous "peculiarities of California planning law," Roseth said.

'We couldn't close any deals'

With the work piling up, Biggs said he's picking up the slack by taking work home and getting up earlier than usual.

"While we are recruiting, Jon is filling in at the counter," said P.G. City Manager Jim Colangelo. "We also have entered into a contract with EMC, a local planning firm, to help out until we get some new staff."

While the high cost of living on the Peninsula often deters job candidates, Biggs and Cort said there are pluses to working for Pacific Grove, a city with complicated zoning ordinances and building codes.

"Our codes protect a lot of resources," Biggs said. "So someone interested in lending their skills to the protection of resources I think would be an incentive to work for the city. It's certainly not a place you would be pigeonholed into doing one thing. There are a variety of planning issues that could end up on your desk."

Working in Pacific Grove as a planner "requires you to use everything you've learned," Cort said.

While the city did receive a good number of responses from prospective applicants, Biggs said they just couldn't close any deals.

"We identified two people to offer positions to," he said. "The first person ended up declining because of the cost in the area. By the time we offered the position to the second person, they received a job offer from a private firm and had taken that job."

A qualified applicant would have a college degree in planning, architecture, geography or public administration, and would be familiar with the California Environmental Quality Act and state planning laws, Biggs said.

"We want somebody with some experience in current planning and long-range planning," he said.

Plenty of jobs but not enough people to fill them

Long-range planning encompasses the county's general plan, Local Coastal Program and other documents that give general direction to the city's growth and development. Current planning involves zoning ordinance enforcement, historic preservation and architectural review.

Pacific Grove pays from \$5,068 to \$6,159 per month for an associate planner, while a senior planner can make \$5,470 to \$6,650 per month.

But until planners can be hired, it's likely things at the community development department will move more slowly than usual.

"We are moving forward with the current planning," Biggs said. "The long-range planning is what is being put down lower in the stack."

Hank Morris

1939 - 2006

Henry Baker Morris, III "Hank" passed away Friday, December 22 while skiing at Bear Valley Ski Area. He was 67. Hank, a longtime resident of Carmel and Monterey, loved the mountains. He spent his days skiing in the winter and hiking the Sierra and riding his bicycle in the summer months. Hank could always be counted on to be the first on the chairlift on a powder day and was nicknamed "the Mayor of Bear Valley" for the innumerable hours he spent enjoying the mountain and his friends.



Hank was born in Seattle, Washington on January 4, 1939. He was raised in Seattle and graduated from Franklin High School in 1957. He attended the University of Washington and graduated from the University of Puget Sound with a B.A. in business administration. He moved to the Monterey Peninsula following where he served in the Army at Fort Ord, Monterey. After his time in the Army, Hank stayed on the Monterey Peninsula and daughters Hilary and Virginia and son Christopher were born. Hank managed Robertson's Men's Clothing in Carmel until 1988 when he became manager of Patrick James in the Barnyard Shopping Center. He could often be found playing tennis at Carmel Valley Racket Club in his free time.

Hank left the peninsula in 1996 to move to Arnold, CA where he worked part-time for several years before retiring in 2002 to fully enjoy the wonders of the Sierra. He proudly completed 4 passes of the Death Ride on his bicycle, back country skied numerous peaks, and climbed to the summits of Highlands and Mokelumne Peaks. He defined "the good life" for all those who knew him.

Hank is survived by his beloved life partner, Roberta Lee Waldroup "Pixie" of Carmel and Arnold, CA, his brother Ward Morris of Alexandria, Virginia, his daughters Hilary Shaffer of Coarsegold, CA and Virginia Sellers of Prunedale, CA with grandson Jonathan, his son Christopher Morris of Little River, CA, stepdaughters Whitney Waldroup of Reno, NV and Robin Waldroup of San Francisco, CA, his dog Beaudie, and countless friends in Arnold, Bear Valley, and the Monterey Peninsula. He will be greatly missed by all.

A memorial will be held for Hank on January 1, 2007 at 10am in the sun room at Bear Valley Ski Area in Bear Valley, CA. A second memorial will be held in the spring with the location and date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Bear Valley Snowsports Education Foundation to support young ski racers at Bear Valley. www.bvsef.org

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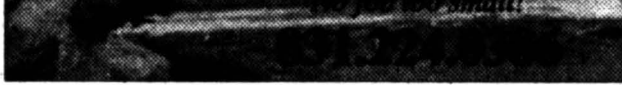
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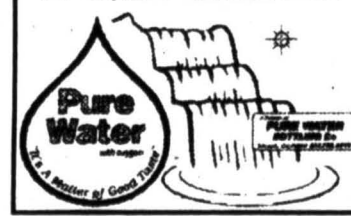
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Correction

RUTHANNE KALLAY is the owner of Carmel Square, in which Ocean's Sports Bar

and Grill is located, not one of the bar's owners, as was incorrectly stated in last week's Pine Cone. Brent Sierra is the owner of the sports bar and only one of her tenants in that location.

Charles Alfred Mohler

1913 - 2006

Charles Alfred Mohler passed away earlier this year at age 93 after a brief illness. A child of the depression, wounded in World War II, then a successful novelist and book editor, he was solidly a member of the "greatest generation."

Mohler first saw Carmel in the waning days of W.W.II after being sent to Monterey to recover from injuries sustained in the Battle of the Bulge; he was an officer in the U.S. Army's "Rainbow" infantry division, fighting the retreating Germans across France. Mohler met his future wife, Hazel Genevieve Dale - at the time a director of the USO in Monterey - in the stacks of the local library. The two were soon married and made their home in Carmel for most of the next 50 years.

Mohler's novella *The Jesus Complex* was published in 1951 by Story Press. His next three novels all feature Monterey Peninsula settings. *A Year of Monday Mornings* (Beacon Press, 1959) ends on Carmel Beach; the fictional characters of *The Hill* (Prentice Hall, 1970) are protagonists in the battle over building the freeway from Monterey to Carmel. Throughout this time, Mohler also worked as a freelance journalist. His travel articles appeared in *Sunset* magazine, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Dallas Morning News* and other publications, and with his young family he traveled throughout Europe, the Caribbean and other locations. Mohler was a disciplined and driven writer who worked at his typewriter most every day of his adult life. In 2000, he published his final novel, *Love is for Pros*, a mystery set in Carmel and Pebble Beach.

Mohler also enjoyed a successful publishing career. Beginning in the 1960s, he worked as an editor for a string of major publishing companies, including W.W. Norton, developing college textbooks. He spent a year in New York as a vice-president for McGraw-Hill. During the '60s and '70s, he helped create many successful textbooks in the social sciences, including archeologist L.S.B. Leakey's *Unveiling Man's Origins*.

He was a lifelong athlete. As a high school student in Des Moines, Iowa, Mohler was State Champion in tennis and received a three-sport scholarship to the University of Virginia. He was the winner of numerous tennis tournaments around the country and, after W.W.II, played number one for the Pomona College tennis team. He took up golf in his 50s and spent many happy hours on the courses of Monterey Peninsula Country Club. He carried a low handicap well into his 70s and was twice match play State Champion of California. He won golf championships in Australia and Portugal and played until age 91.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, of Truckee, California, son Charles C. (Chaco) and granddaughters Makaiah and Taysa, of Tahoe City, California. The family asks that any donations be given to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, www.vfw.org.

Agency seeks to honor 'Greatest Generation' vets

THE ALLIANCE on Aging is seeking World War II and Korean War veterans to be recognized during the agency's "Honoring Our Greatest Generation" campaign.

According to the group, the campaign is designed to honor the millions of "brave men and women who fought on the battlefield and home front to preserve democracy and who helped build a great and prosperous nation."

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dents of Monterey County and to have actively served in a branch of the military during World War II or the Korean War.

Nomination forms may be picked up at any Alliance on Aging office or by calling (831) 655-1334. The deadline to submit a nomination is Jan. 15.

Incorporated in 1970, the Alliance on Aging is the largest and oldest agency exclusively devoted to the welfare of Monterey County's older men and women.

Virginia Lucile Isaacson

October 16, 1910 ~ December 16, 2006

Carmel ~ Lucile passed away on December 16 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Born in Huntington Park, CA, she married her late husband, Harold (West Point, Class of 1927), and embarked on the peripatetic life of Army wife, a 30-year career which saw her living in Honduras, Cuba and San Francisco among other assignments.



After settling in Carmel, Lucile became President of the Auxiliary of Community Hospital and was a volunteer at CHOMP for 45 years. She served as Chairman of the Army/Navy Relief Society of Northern California; a board member of Guide Dogs for the Blind, VNA and the Carmel Republican Women's Club. Lucile was also a member of the Carmel Foundation, All Saints' Episcopal Church and the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Lucile is survived by her son, John; her daughter, Jean; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lucile's family wishes to acknowledge Drs. Nancy Rubin and Thomas Bradley for their outstanding care and expertise during her extended illness. They also are grateful to Miriam Fickewirth of Agape for her care and compassion in caring for Lucile.

At Lucile's request, there will be no services. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of The Paul Mortuary. Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Central Coast or Community Hospital Auxiliary at PO Box HH, Monterey, 93942 or to the donor's favorite charity.

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MEXICO

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We passed notorious Point Conception — sometimes called the Cape Horn of California — at least five miles offshore and had no trouble with the wind or the waves.

(Fierce gales in this area can be common. Three years ago, we passed Conception much closer in, with top wind gusts hitting 47 knots.)

South of the point, the winds are generally calmer. But one of the southern islands, San Miguel, is known as the Windy Island and is an exception to the reduced winds. In October, we approached the island from the northwest, heading to Harris Point. We had to stay to port to be sure to remain well off the unmarked Wilson Rock. By the time we were close to Harris Point, it was obvious conditions at San Miguel were calm and inviting.

Stuck in the kelp

When we reached the cove, we had to turn to starboard to get into the protected part of the harbor because a large sea of kelp blocked most of the entrance. Despite our maneuvering, we ended up getting a ton of the nasty stuff wrapped around the prop. When Nellie tried to accelerate in either forward or reverse, the boat shuddered like a wet sea dog. We

THIEVES

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mine how exactly it was done."

"Somebody was able to access certain files and was able to take an undetermined amount of money," he said.

A representative from Inns by the Sea, which manages five properties in Carmel as well as hotels in Half Moon Bay, Santa Cruz, Capitola and Santa Barbara, reported the suspicious transactions Nov. 28.

Juarez began looking into the thefts and forwarded the information to the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

"I'm not at liberty to discuss the details," he said. "But there are a bunch of different ways for bad guys and gals to try to take people's money away from them."

He warned people not to respond to any questionable e-mails, including those claiming to be from banks or online retailers soliciting information. Legitimate correspondence will include names and other personal information, not generic greetings such as "Dear Bank Customer."

And when banking online, people should always make sure they're using a secure site — indicated by "https" at the start of the Internet address, as opposed to "http" — and look for the little lock symbol in the upper right-hand corner of the window bar.

"And if there's any doubt, contact the bank at the phone numbers you normally use," Juarez said. "If you notice any suspicious activity on your statements, contact the bank immediately."

were stuck in the kelp.

I got the boat pole and, lying on my stomach, hung over the stern with our sailing companion, Tanya Keen, holding down my legs so I wouldn't slide into the drink. I poked, pulled and pushed the kelp off the rudder and prop as best I could, dislodging great gobs of the stuff while Nellie, intermittently, and at low rpms, backed the boat out of the mess. Once we were free, she simply stopped and let another ton or two of kelp drop off of the boat thanks to gravity.

She then maneuvered around the kelp and got us into the anchorage, where we anchored as the sun went down. Safely at harbor, we could take a deep breath and soak in the incredible beauty of San Miguel Island.

Four palm trees

A Carmel historian, Lois Roberts, has written the definitive book on this exotic destination. "San Miguel Island: Santa Barbara's 4th Island West," available from amazon.com for \$9.95, examines San Miguel's geological past, the introduction of plants and animals, and its human history.

Needless to say, the book piqued our curiosity. Fortunately, a National Park Service ranger gave us a way to satisfy it.

At about 8 a.m. we radioed the ranger station to see if we could go on one of the daily nature hikes. The ranger, Ian Williams, welcomed us to a 10 a.m. hike that would include the crew of the boat anchored next to us, Drambuoy. He told us to land our dinghy next to four palm trees on a beach which was right off our stern.

The morning dawned sunny and relatively warm. We left our boat, Athena, with the V-Berth and main cabin hatches open for ventilation, rowed in and landed our dinghy in small surf, paddling like mad between breaks.

Once on the beach, we had to hike a long way up a sandy slope. At the top of the swath, the ranger, the Drambuoyans, and Rich and Julie Cooley of San Mateo, were waiting. (The Cooleys berth their boat at South Beach Harbor near AT&T Park in San Francisco. They were cruising the Channel Islands for a couple of months with the goal of getting home by Thanksgiving.)

The planned hike was six miles. Unfortunately, Nellie and I could not do all of it, as we wanted to get to Santa Cruz

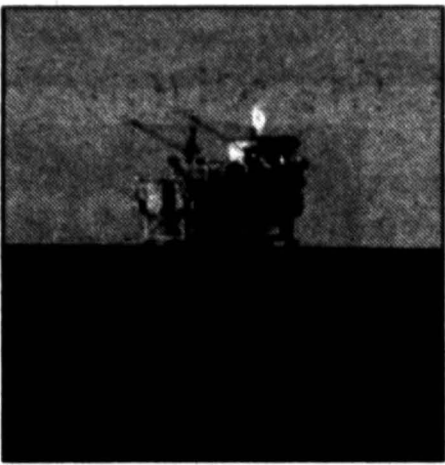
Island by dusk. But on the first part of the hike, we learned about the coreopsis, which looks dead this time of year, and then rejuvenates in the rainy season and blooms prolifically in the spring. An interesting aspect of island flora is that there can be many unique plants. This is true in the Channel Islands, including Catalina.

Ian was an excellent guide, giving us a good picture of the history of the Channel Islands and the devastation during the sheep growing times on San Miguel Island (as many as 9,000 sheep, chewing up everything).

Despite the devastation to native plants, the island pioneers have to be viewed as dreamers and doers — an entertaining group of characters well described in Roberts' book.

We hiked to a summit with magnificent views of the harbor below. As we hiked back to the beach and the dinghy, the skies began to darken.

Paul and Nellie Brocchini are on an extended trip to the coast of Mexico on their 36-foot sloop, Athena. This is the second of a series of articles about their experiences.



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Editorial

The appeal of repeal

ANYBODY WHO'S raised children knows that Jean-Jacques Rousseau was wrong. There is no such thing as a "noble savage." Parenting, it often seems, is about teaching the little ones not to do things they were born wanting to do.

The legal system views the entire human race much the same way. There is no need, after all, to pass a law prohibiting something nobody wants to do. But legislatures and assemblies around the globe busy themselves making it illegal for people to do things they otherwise would like very much to do. And many of these laws go far beyond the basic principles of the Ten Commandments. It will soon be illegal in California, for example, to use a cell phone while driving. In more than 35 states (including this one), children now have to ride in a booster seat until they are almost 5 feet tall. Etc., etc.

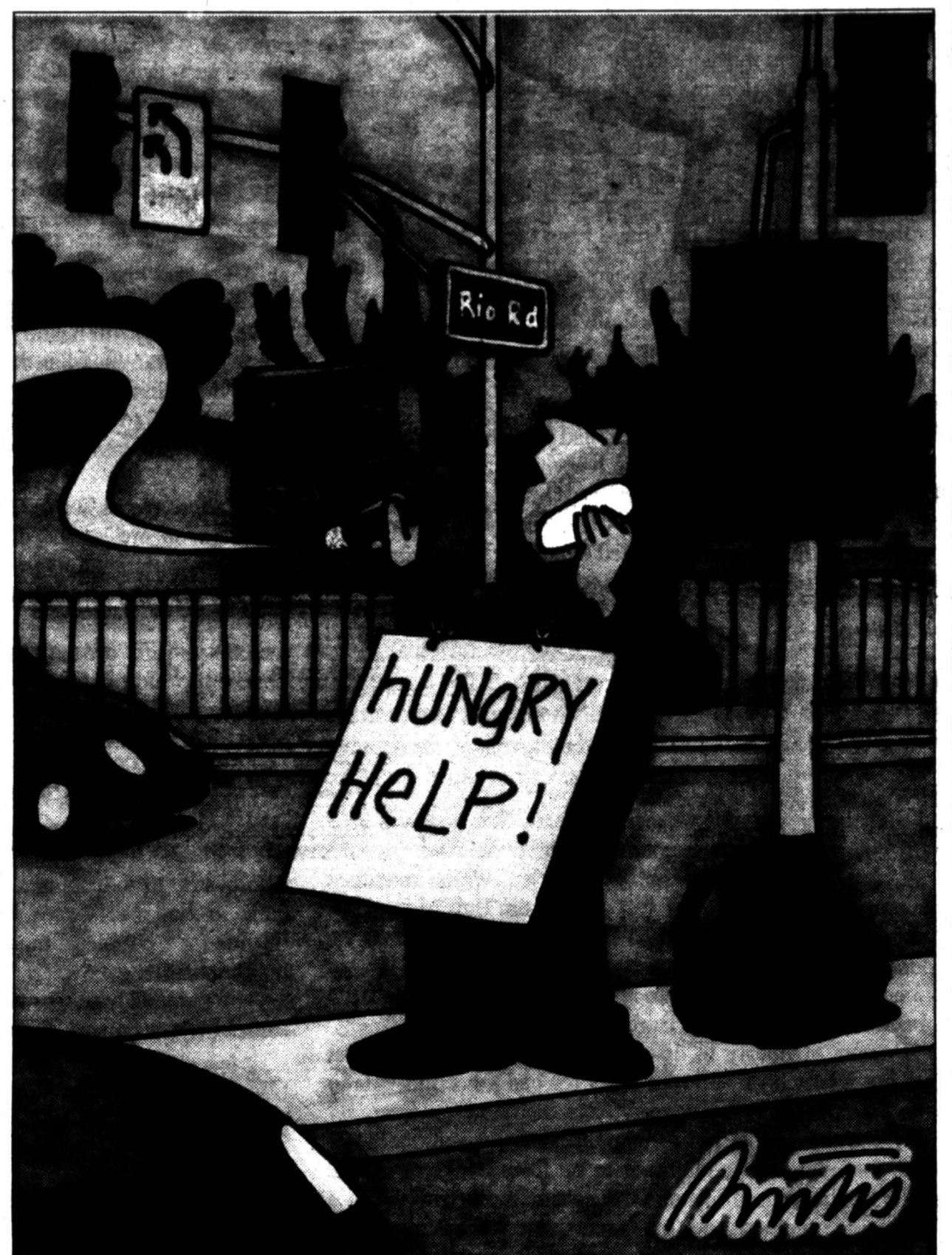
But it goes much farther than that. In most Peninsula communities, the approval of city hall is needed for things such as the color you paint your house, what you plant in your yard, whether you can cut down even a small tree, and so forth. All these regulations are based on the same principle: That even in private or trivial matters, the behavior of humans must be controlled, and that without this control, our communities will become degraded.

The irony is that many of the same people who demand the most control of what people do now revere even the humblest works of humans who lived in decades gone by. Back in the days when you could build whatever kind of house suited you on your property, the result was a wide variety of styles, sizes and shapes. These days, historic preservationists want all of them protected by a government mandate, even as they demand new laws making it impossible for the same type of creativity to continue to exist. The result, even in "creative" communities such as Carmel, is cookie-cutter homebuilding, with every streetscape consisting of the same basic elements.

Thankfully, the pendulum has started to swing the other way. As we pointed out last week, the decision by the Carmel Historic Resources Board that the Golden Bough Theater does not have to be protected was a good example. Even humans who are alive today have something to contribute, it turns out. A new theater may actually be better than the old one!

But with the New Year, and all of the new laws that will be taking effect, we would like to recommend the same approach be used more at the state and national level. In fact, we'd like to see somebody run for Congress or the Legislature on a platform that every day in office will be spent looking for laws that deserve to be repealed, and regulations that need to be rescinded.

BATES



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The fly in the ointment of Sunset Center

Dear Editor,

After starvation in the besieged city of Leningrad, during WW2, kids matured very quickly. In 1944, I learned that a kid's brass band would be started at some place and brought there a group of classmates, fourth graders. When my turn came to receive an instrument the only option left for me was a tuba. Seeing my disappointment the teacher said "Savva, you will thank me for this. It is a guaranteed piece of bread." It was a cogent argument and, indeed, I played in different orchestra till university graduation. My mom, school teacher, never had to pay for my summer vacation.

One summer when I was fifteen years old our orchestra couldn't make it and the camp

administration offered me a job working as a leader of a "Young Pioneer detachment" — around 20 boys age 7 to 9 — on the same no-salary basis. This was a

calamity for the poor boys that I will never forget. I felt like a military commander who was entitled to a total subordination of the "squad." We marched in a column and played war games. Disobedience was punished. Don't forget that it was just after the end of the war. Rather soon the kids complained and I was properly fired from the job to their relief. Instead, I was appointed trumpet-caller, which I did almost professionally, and everybody was happy.

This shameful story came to mind in relation to my volunteering as an usher at Sunset Center. I have been doing this since 1994 when I retired from DLI. I well remember Hilda and then Elizabeth, nice ladies in charge who did a great job and who treated ushers with a great respect. I don't know why Sunset Center fired Elizabeth and replaced her with John Newkirk around one-and-a-half years ago, but John definitely reminds me of myself when I was 15.

Never before were ushers required to dress up in a uniform — white top and black bottom with a blue ribbon across an often-sticking-out belly. No jackets are permitted, even in winter. Guests should know that you are not an assistant to them but a servant. “You are under my command and I should be able to easily locate each of you anytime.” But somehow simple “Usher” badges were sufficient during the preceding

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10 years. By no means ushers should mingle with the "patrons." They are on duty like soldiers. During entrance, ushers must stay at their positions. I was reprimanded by John twice: for going out for a smoke during the intermission and for behaving "too informally" — for hugging my friends the "patrons." At least five ushers must hang out in the lobby during the beginning of a performance waiting for late arrivals — why not one or two? Also, during the performance, at least three ushers must count the ticket stubs. I don't know who needs it, but it can be done not during the concert.

Sunset Center is a great cultural facility. There is nothing wrong in scheduling 20 ushers for each performance. Usually there is enough free space in the hall, and excessive scheduling is an appropriate safety factor, but all volunteers whom I talked to hate the uniform and the indignity. Hey, we are coming to do the necessary job of ushering, to help the guests in exchange for enjoying music, and we have always done our job with respect to the guests and to ourselves.

In the meantime, John has "forgotten" to mail me the program for the next season — to select performances that I would like to usher at.

Savely Savva, Carmel

What the library needs

Dear Editor,

In response to your article on expenditures for the Harrison Memorial Library, I would like to make the following comments:

You note that the library is "unique" in its costs per city resident. "Its per person expenditures (are) more than five times the national average." However, Harrison's service area is much larger than the city of Carmel; it includes the unincorporated area surrounding Carmel, parts of Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach, and borrowers from other nearby areas.

You continue: "How much tax dollars should be spent on the library?" In this respect I would like to note that private donations account for over 41 percent of its support, a very unusual amount for a public library. Nor is it accurate to use the city population as an index of its expenditures.

I am a volunteer at Harrison Library and a retired librarian from another state. I note that the Goss report recommends more volunteers. However desirable volunteers may be, they are not a dependable source of workers: we have other commitments and responsibilities. Cooperation among libraries is a better choice.

The Goss report is right to recommend a universal library card for all three Peninsula libraries, and its other recommendations warrant further study. There is much value in

communities working together to support libraries and other services if carefully planned. Unfortunately, local pride has often prevented this. And I would like to add that state support of public libraries in California is inadequate as compared with other states.

Louise Stuart, Carmel

Something to be proud of

Dear Editor,

Rippling River is a great Christmas/Holiday story. Most residents have been resettled into newly refurbished and improved apartments. The next phase of reconstruction will be completed before spring.

A combination of federal rules, state laws and financing regulations made it impossible to return the residents to their old apartments. Accordingly, the residents decided they would select their new apartments, with priority based upon the length of time that they had lived at Rippling River.

Some residents were anxious about moving to a new apartment. This is understandable, especially given the age and frailty of many of Rippling River's population. But no tenant has been evicted from Rippling River because of the reconstruction.

One tenant did receive an eviction notice that required her to move to another apartment at Rippling River. After the building was ready for occupancy and she saw this apartment, she was satisfied. Further, experience to date is that the residents quickly adjust and come to prefer their new units.

It is something of a miracle that the disabled and elderly residents, together with volunteers from Carmel Valley and eventually the commissioners and staff of the housing authority, were able to save Rippling River.

In fact, this is the first time in the nation's history that public housing residents and the surrounding community have banded together to save public housing. It also is the first time that a housing authority was able to get the federal

government to waive certain rules to allow the housing complex to be saved.

We all can be proud of our accomplishment.

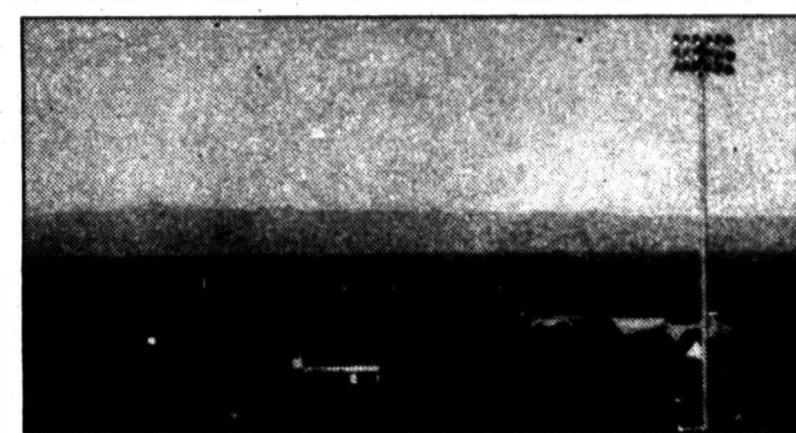
John Dalessio, Carmel Valley

Resident seeks seawall

THE DEL Monte Forest Land Use Advisory Committee will review a proposal Thursday, Jan. 3, to build a seawall to protect against an eroding coastline.

James Read of Pebble Beach is seeking approval to install the seawall at 3158 17 Mile Drive. He hopes to obtain a coastal development permit which would allow construction within 100 feet of sensitive habitat, on slopes greater than 30 percent, and within 750 feet of a known archaeological resource.

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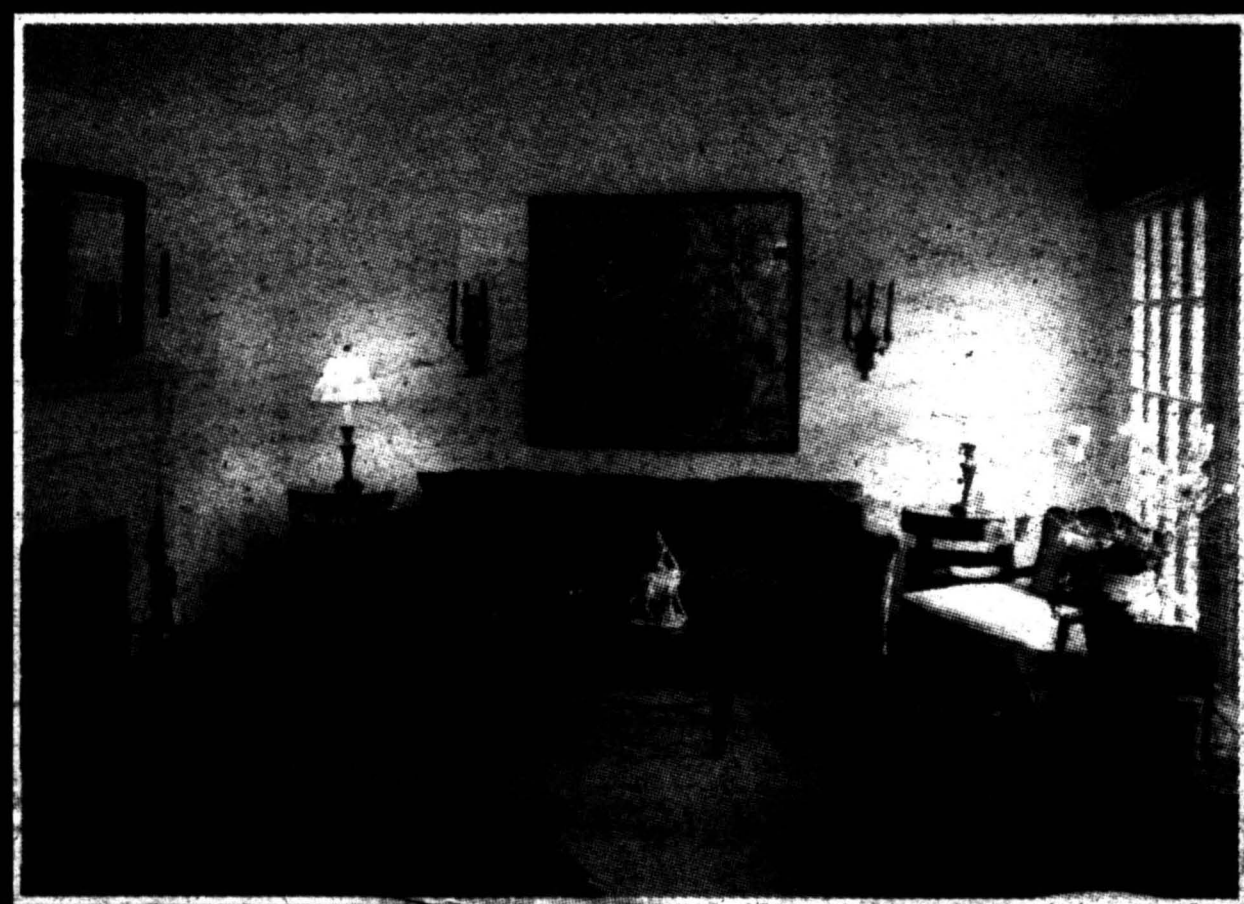
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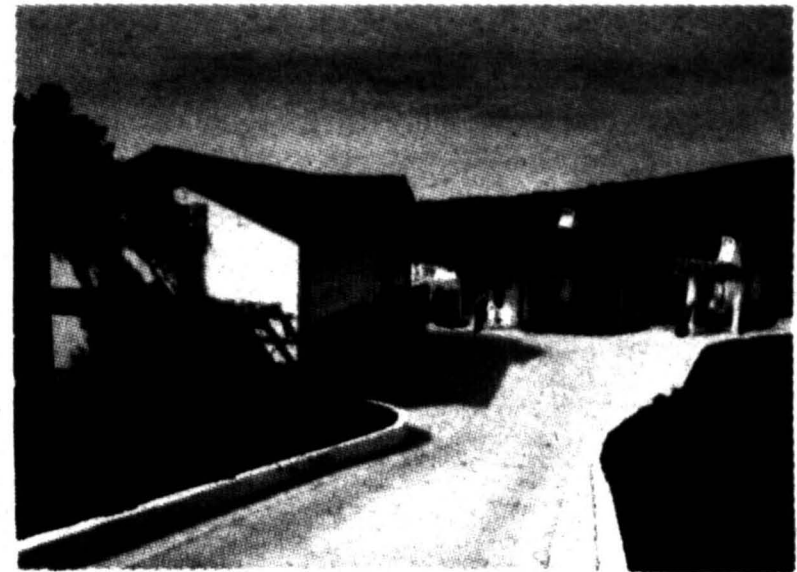
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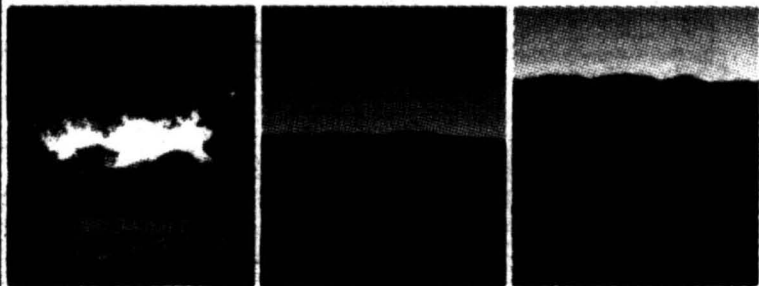

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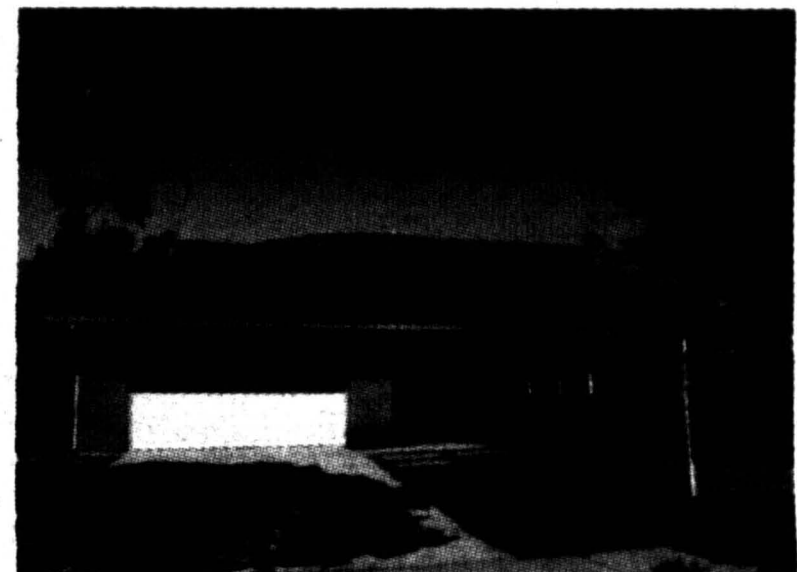
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of the incident. Later in the day, with the description that was given, the animal control

officer located and made contact with the dogs' owners. Possible solution for future prevention was discussed and warning was given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to wires down on Monte Verde Street between Ninth and 10th avenues. Engine

and ambulance on scene. Crew assisted in securing Comcast cable wires to the side of the roadway along with a police officer who was on scene prior to the engine's arrival. FireComm to make notification to Comcast for repairs.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Oak Knoll. Crew assisted with vitals, oxygen, patient report information and loading for a female in her 70s with altered level of consciousness. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded mutual aid to Cypress Fire for a medical emergency on Valley View. Crew assisted with vitals, oxygen, IV patient report information and loading for a male in his 60s with hypertension. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Lincoln Street. Crew assisted with patient report information and loading for a female in her 30s suffering from a severe migraine. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel Valley: During a verbal argument between a mother and daughter, the daughter pushed the mother.

Carmel Valley: Resident reported her daughter had run away from home. A further

investigation showed the parent knew where her daughter was and wanted police to confirm it.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject was contacted at church on Dolores Street who had been advised approximately two years earlier not to return. Subject advised that he had been given permission by local priest to be on the property for that day. Contact was made with the priest by phone, and he confirmed subject was given permission. Subject was then advised to move on.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to a multiple vehicle accident on Carmel Valley Road at Canada Way. Ambulance arrived to find two patients with injuries. Patients given basic life support care and prepared for transport. Ambulance transported both patients to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to a vehicle injury accident at Carmel Highlands and Highway 1.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to reported smell of electrical smoke at Dolores and Seventh. Firefighters met with the occupant/tenant of the upstairs residence. She stated she could smell an electrical odor near the sub-panel of the electrical box. Investigated with the thermal imaging camera, which showed all clear. Crews then spoke to the store manager of the business downstairs, and he informed them he had an electrician responding to remedy the problem.

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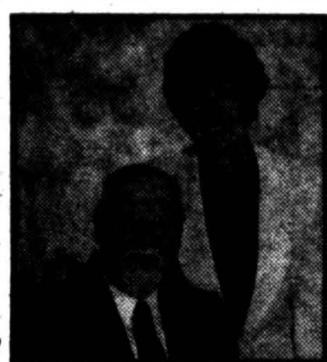
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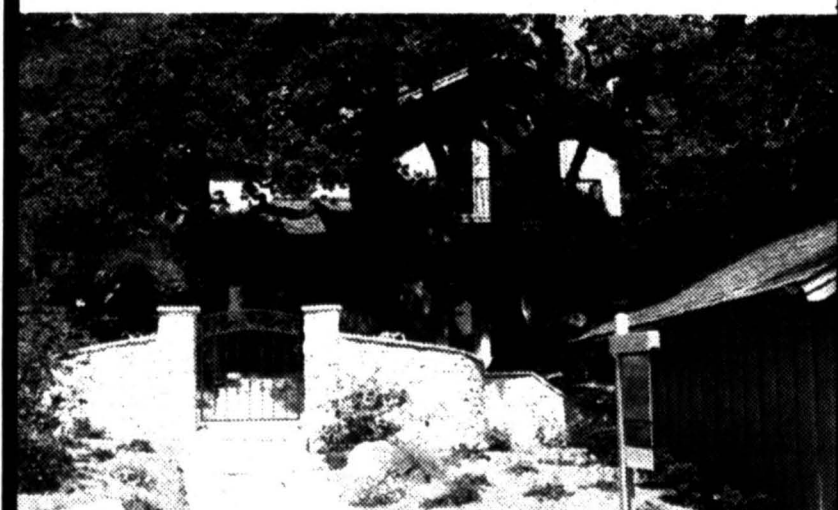


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Correction:

Due to an error in county documents, the Dec. 6 home sale reported from Richard & Carole Frederickson to Justin & Deborah Baldwin had the wrong address. The correct address was 26350 Ocean View Avenue, Carmel.

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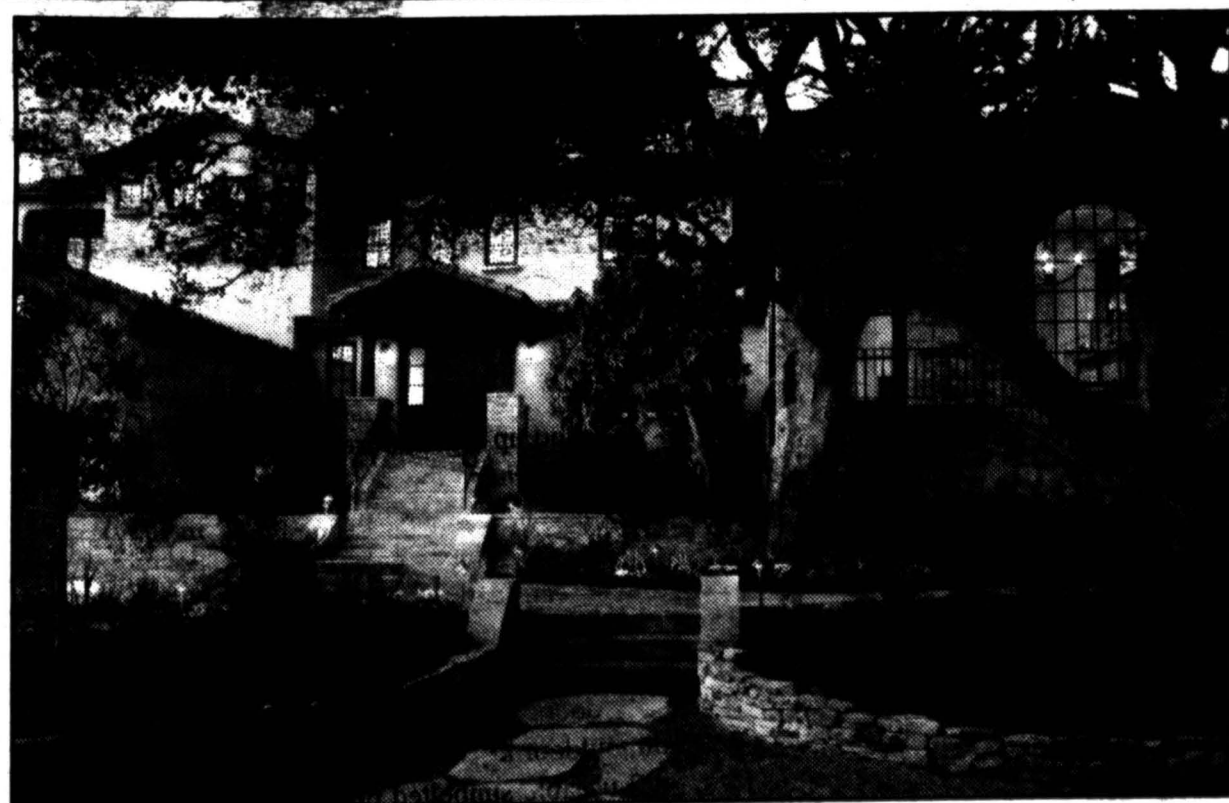
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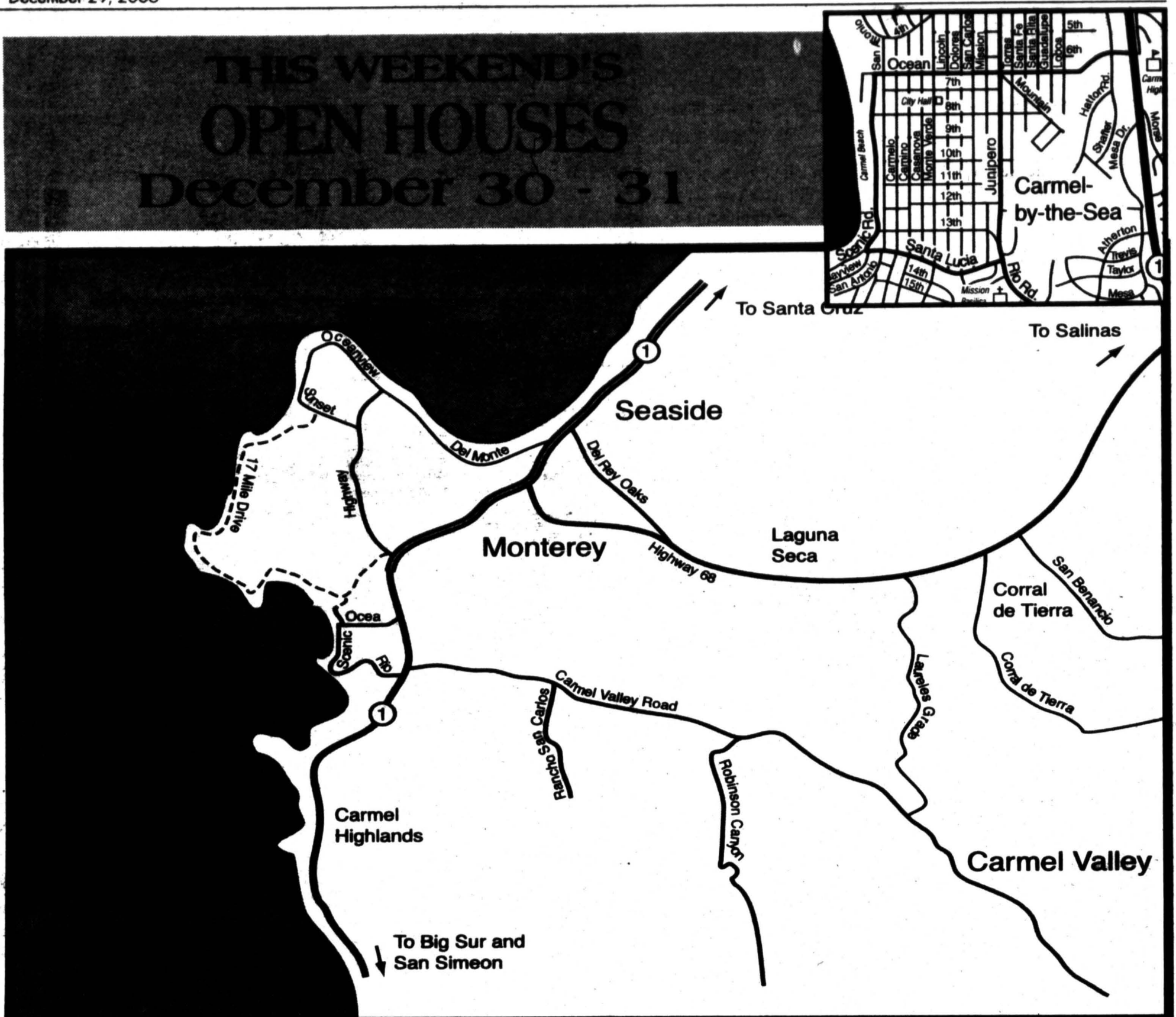
\$890,000	2bd 1ba	Su 11:30-1:30
3 SW Carpenter & 2nd	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$995,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
Carpenter 5 NE of 4th	Carmel	
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Carpenter 4 NW of 6th	Carmel	
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\$1,475,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4
NW Corner Santa Rita & 6th	Carmel	
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Junipero 3 NW on 12th Avenue	Carmel	
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2920 Ribera	Carmel	
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\$1,795,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-4
24602 Castro Lane	Carmel	
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\$1,795,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
San Carlos 8 SE 13th	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-0136	
\$1,895,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
Monte Verde 2 NE of Santa Lucia	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$1,895,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 2-4
Santa Fe 2 NE of 8th	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$1,995,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1:30-3:30
Mission 3 SE 4th	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-0136	
\$1,999,000	3bd 3ba	Sa Su 1-4
11 NW Monte Verde & Ocean Avenue	Carmel	
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\$1,999,999	4bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-4
2925 Ribera Road	Carmel	
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\$2,185,000	4bd 3ba	Su 2-4
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\$2,195,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-4
Casanova 3 NE of 9th	Carmel	
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\$2,349,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4
Lincoln & 11th NE Corner	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$2,350,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
Dolores 3 NW of 2nd (R/C)	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-0136	
\$2,500,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-3
25238 Hutton Road	Carmel	
Lomarey Inc. Real Estate-John Duffy	241-3131	
\$2,695,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
2831 14th Avenue	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$2,849,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-3 Su 2-4
SE Corner San Antonio & 10th	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$3,500,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa 2-4
26173 Dolores	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$3,600,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1:30-4:15
24337 San Juan Road	Carmel	
John Saar Properties	625-0500	
\$3,730,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 2-4
25864 Hutton Road	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-0136	
\$4,800,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa 1-3
Camino Real 7 NW of Ocean	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-0136	

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

\$1,495,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
140 San Remo Rd	Carmel Highlands	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	624-0136	
\$1,949,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
91 Corona Road	Carmel Highlands	
John Saar Properties	625-0500	

CARMEL VALLEY

\$1,095,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
12 El Robledo	Carmel Valley	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,200,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
27614 Schulte Rd	Carmel Valley	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,495,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
26010 Rotunda Drive	Carmel Valley	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,495,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
7040 Valley Greens Circle	Carmel Valley	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	
\$1,775,000	5bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
27 La Rancheria	Carmel Valley	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	659-2267	
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254 El Caminito	Carmel Valley	
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\$510,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 1-3
461 Dela Vina #211	Monterey	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2226	
\$595,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
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\$709,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 12-2
1280 8th Street	Monterey	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$850,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 12-4
1 Surfway #102	Monterey	
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\$949,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
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\$1,075,000	3bd 3ba Townhome	Sa 2-4
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The Jones Group	236-7780	
\$1,100,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-4
1 Surfway #206	Monterey	
John Saar Properties	625-0500	

MONTEREY SALINAS HWY.

\$1,149,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
24552 Rimrock Cyn Rd - X: Harper	Mtry/Sins Hwy	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,795,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 1-4
19651 Woodcrest Drive (R/C)	Mtry/Sins Hwy	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2221	

MONTEREY SALINAS HWY.

\$2,195,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa Su 1-4
14765 Vista Dorado Drive	Mtry/Sins Hwy	
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\$4,150,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 1-4
409 Estrella D'Oro	Mtry/Sins Hwy	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	

PACIFIC GROVE

\$714,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 12-3
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Sotheby's Int'l RE	646-2120	
\$759,000	TRIPLEX	Sa 11:30-1:30
1211 David Avenue	Pacific Grove	
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\$850,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 1-3
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\$1,269,000	4bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
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Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,495,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 11-1
208 Ridge Road	Pacific Grove	
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\$1,800,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 2-4
876 Del Monte Blvd.	Pacific Grove	
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\$2,250,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4
963 Coral	Pebble Beach	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$2,750,000	4bd 3ba	Su 2-4
2876 Oak Knoll	Pebble Beach	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$3,250,000	2bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-4
1534 Riata Road	Pebble Beach	
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\$4,495,000	3bd 3ba	Fri 1-4
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Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	

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POLICE LOG

From page 4RE

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Walker Avenue for a woman who had fallen. Transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to reported medical emergency on Lincoln Street. At scene, assisted the resident with transport to CHOMP for treatment of chronic pain.

Pebble Beach: Pebble Beach Security officer found a lost wallet at Pescadero Point lookout off 17 mile drive.

See **POLICE LOG** page 10RE

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POLICE LOG

From page 9RE

Carmel Valley: A business owner reported suspicious circumstances as a possible burglary involving his non-operational business.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male suspect, age 34, was arrested on Junipero Street at 0135 hours for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party on Ocean Avenue believes that her daughter has been annoyingly calling her home and hanging up.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched to 17th Avenue for a diabetic emergency. Treated patient and transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to reported medical emergency at an inn on Lincoln Street for a hotel guest with chronic pains. Transported to CHOMP.

Carmel Valley: Victim reported harassing phone calls over the last three months from the suspect.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two juvenile suspects, age 16 and 17, were cited at Carmel Beach at 1738 hours for being in possession of alcohol.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a reported flooding at Harrison Memorial Library at Lincoln and Ocean. Emergency personnel used a pump to remove standing water from the furnace room, the result of a broken water heater. The water heater was shut down and building/planning personnel were notified to make necessary repairs. At this point, the building was secure and all units returned to the station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to an odor investigation on Ocean Avenue between San Carlos and Dolores streets in an art gallery. Emergency personnel detected a slight electrical type of odor that had dissipated, according to the occupants. One light fixture was extremely hot to the touch, so the occupants were advised to cut the power to all of the light fixtures. They were also advised to have a licensed electrician come in to inspect the system and make necessary repairs.

The thermal imaging camera was used to check for possible problems but none were found. At this point, the scene was secure and all units returned to the station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ambulance dispatched on a mutual aid for Westmed to Morse Drive for a male in his 80s who was the victim of a mechanical fall. Transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a commercial fire alarm activation on Ocean and Torres at the inn. Firefighters discovered an alarm that had been activated possibly by a candle in room No. 68. There was no fire danger. The occupants opened their door to air out the room prior to the responsible party resetting the alarm. At this point the building was secure and all units returned to the station.

Carmel area: Suspicious phone solicitation for personal information by female claiming to represent a mortgage company. The stated phone number and website did not come back to any mortgage company. No personal information given.

Big Sur: Past-tense burglary of the irrigator's cottage, cash taken, no leads or suspects, case suspended.

Carmel area: School reported a battery

Carmel Valley: During a vehicle check on Arroyo Seco Road, suspect was found in possession of 2.5 grams methamphetamine and a glass narcotics smoking pipe.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20062896. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE SERVICE**, 945 S. Main Street, Suite 208, Salinas, CA 93901. CONTRACTORS CAREER CENTERS, INC., 14664 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91411. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 21, 2000. (s) David Mizener, President/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 28, 2006. Publication dates: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2006. (PC1208)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20062929. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PICCOLO**, 24730 Cabrillo Street, Carmel, CA 93923. JEANNIE KOBAY, 24730 Cabrillo Street, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. (s) Jeannie Kobay. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 1, 2006. Publication dates: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2006. (PC1210)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20062904. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BFI WASTE SERVICES OF SALINAS**, 271 Riana Street, Salinas, CA 93901. ALLIED WASTE SERVICES OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC (formed in Delaware), 18500 North Allied Way, Phoenix, AZ 85054. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 30, 2006. (s) Jo Lynn White, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 29, 2006. Publication dates: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2006. (PC1211)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M81982.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, CLIFFORD GORDON SILACCI, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: CLIFFORD GORDON SILACCI
Proposed name: PETE CLIFFORD GORDON SILACCI
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: January 19, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT:

The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Susan M. Dauphiné
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 5, 2006.
Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos
Deputy: April Campbell

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20062936. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ANTHEM BLUE CROSS PARTNERSHIP PLAN**, 1 Wellpoint Way, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. BLUE CROSS OF CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP PLAN INC., CA 1 Wellpoint Way, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. (s) Douglas A. Schur, Asst. Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on

Dec. 4, 2006. Publication dates: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2006, Jan. 5, 2007. (PC1215)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20062927. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ACC BUSINESS**, 340 Pajaro St., Salinas, CA 93901. AT&T CORP., a NY corporation, One AT&T Way, Bedminster, NJ 07921. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1999. (s) Leonard W. Weitz, Assistant Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 1, 2006. Publication dates: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2006, Jan. 5, 2007. (PC1216)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20062956. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **TROUVE**, 8 Del Fino Place, Carmel, CA 93924. TUTTO BELLO LLC, 4225 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85018. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 13, 2006. (s) Kristen H. Brubaker. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 6, 2006. Publication dates: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2006, Jan. 5, 2007. (PC1218)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20062923. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **BIG SUR NATURAL FOODS**, #2 Big Sur Village Shops, Big Sur, CA 93920. ELIZABETH BALL, Morning Glory Ranch, Hwy 1, Big Sur, CA 93920. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 1, 2006. (s) Elizabeth Ball. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 1, 2006. Publication dates: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2006, Jan. 5, 2007. (PC1219)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20062901. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **EYE GODDESS FILMS**, 25530 Via Paloma, Carmel, CA 93923. JULES HART, 25530 Via Paloma, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 15, 1999. (s) Jules Hart. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 29, 2006. Publication dates: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2006, Jan. 5, 2007. (PC1220)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
Date of Filing Application: DECEMBER 13, 2006.

To Whom It May Concern:
The Name of the Applicant is: **GERONIMO CONRADO**
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:
Dolores & Fifth S/W Cor Carmel, CA 93921
Type of license:
41 - On-Sale Beer and Wine-Eating Place

Publication dates: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2006. (PC1221).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20062968. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**, 25975 Mission Street, Carmel, CA 93923. MARIARQUEL ESCOBAR, 25975 Mission Street, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 23, 1997. (s) Mariarquel Escobar. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 11, 2006. Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2006, Jan. 5, 12, 2007. (PC1222)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20063004. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

ness as: **IBIS GRAPHIC DESIGN**, 7531 Desmond Ct., Salinas, CA 93907-9155. ELIZABETH CANO-MANNING, 7531 Desmond Ct., Salinas, CA 93907-9155. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1986. (s) Elizabeth Cano-Manning. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 11, 2006. Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2006, Jan. 5, 12, 2007. (PC1223)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M 82104
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, JOHN S. REYNOLDS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: JOHN STUART REYNOLDS
Proposed name: STUART WALLACE REYNOLDS

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: February 2, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT:

The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 15, 2006.
Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos
Deputy: C. Williams
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2006 Jan. 5, 12, 2007. (PC1224)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M 82191
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, SHEILA TRACEY, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: USAMA FELIX KABLI
Proposed name: SAMMUEL FELIX TRACEY

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Jan. 26, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT:

The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 18, 2006.
Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos
Deputy: April Campbell
Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2006 Jan. 5, 12, 2007. (PC1225)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20062926. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **WOMEN INVEST NOW**, 7225 Walcott Way, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. AHNALISA YSHIKO MILLER, 225 Walcott Way, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 27, 2006. (s) AHNALISA MILLER. This

statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 1, 2006. Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2006, Jan. 5, 12, 2007. (PC1226)

SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW CASE NUMBER: DR 45312

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:

ANITA SILVA

You are being sued.

PETITIONER'S NAME IS:

RAFAEL MORENO BRITO
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE: The restraining orders on page 2 are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

The name and address of the court is:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MONTEREY
1200 Agujito Road
Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
RAFAEL MORENO BRITO
1214 Garner Ave.
Salinas, CA 93905
(831) 578-0005
RONALD D. LANCE
11 W. Laurel Dr., Suite #205
Salinas, CA 93906
(831) 443-6509
Reg: #LDA5
County: Monterey

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual.

Date: Nov. 20, 2006.
(s) Lisa M. Galdos, Clerk
by Donna D. Chacon, Deputy
Publication Date: Dec. 22, 29, 2006, Jan. 5, 12, 2007. (PC 1227)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20063022
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Alhambra, 314 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA 93901
Registrant(s) name and address:
DS Waters of America, Inc. 5660 New Northside Drive, Suite 500 Atlanta, GA 30328

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 27, 2006

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

(s) Gregory D. Cabale, Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on December 13, 2006

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/29, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19/07
CNS-1065216#
Publication Dates: Dec. 29, 2006, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2007. (PC 1228)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20062955. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
CARMELDOGCALENDAR.COM, 419

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on Wednesday, January 10, 2007. The public hearings will be opened at 4:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. Note: one or more of the items may be on the Consent Agenda. Items on the Consent Agenda will be approved without discussion unless someone requests otherwise. For all other items staff will present the project, then the applicant and all interested members of the public will be allowed to speak or offer written testimony before the Commission takes action. Decisions to approve or deny the project may be appealed to the City Council by filing a written notice of appeal with the office of the City Clerk within ten (10) working days following the date of action by the Planning Commission and paying a \$260.00 appeal fee as established by the City Council. For those projects listed as appealable to the California Coastal Commission, appeals may be filed directly with the Coastal Commission for no fee, by filing a written notice of appeal with the Coastal Commission's Central Coast office in Santa Cruz. Such appeals must be filed within ten working days of the Coastal Commission's receipt of the City's Final Local Action Notice.

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

1. DS 06-77
The Bohn Trust
E/s Ridgwood between Junipero and Rio
Block 3W, Lot(s) S pt 5
Consideration of a Design Study (Final), Demolition, Use Permit, Coast Development Permit application for the demolition of an existing residence and the construction of a new residence located in the (R-1) and Park (P) District.

2. DS 06-128
The Golden Mean LLC
E/s Forest between 8th & Mt View
Block 4, Lot(s) 2
Consideration of Design Study (Concept), Use Permit, and Coastal Development Permit applications for the substantial alteration of an existing residence located in the (R-1) District and request for a plate height variance.

*Project is appealable to the California Coastal Commission

Date of Publication: December 29, 2006
PLANNING COMMISSION
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Rhonda Ragghianti
Administrative Coordinator

Publication Dates: Dec. 29, 2006. (PC 1230)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20063064. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. VALLEY PHYSICAL THERAPY
2. CARMEL VALLEY PHYSICAL THERAPY
7170 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA

93923. JAMES D. THURMAN, 26246 Atherton Dr., Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2007. (s) James D. Thurman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 19, 2006. Publication dates: Dec. 29, 2006, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2007. (PC1231)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-06-65472-DD Loan # 000344478 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/20/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): ROBERT B. CHATHAM AND JO GOODEN CHATHAM, HUSBAND AND WIFE Recorded: 12/29/2004 as Instrument No. 2004137435 in book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, California; Date of Sale: 1/18/2007 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main (South) entrance to the County Courthouse, (facing the Courtyard off Church St.), 240 Church Street, Salinas, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$860,166.77 The purported property address is: 9932 HOLT RD CARMEL, CA 93923 Assessors Parcel No. 416-543-011 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 12/28/2006 Quality Loan Service Corp. 319 Elm Street, 2nd Floor San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-259-7850 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ex 400 If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property on THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. I, required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflects on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fill the terms of your credit obligation ASAP# 811731 12/29/2006 Publication Dates: Dec. 29, 2006, Jan. 5, 12, 2007. (PC 1232)

POLICE LOG

From page 10RE

Carmel area: Female at the Crossroads wanted to report that someone left a note on her car that she felt was hostile.

Carmel area: Valley View resident wanted to report that someone stole a camera from her house.

Big Sur: At 1427 hours, two residents of Mexico were at Garrapata Beach when a wave crashed onto the beach and washed the male out to sea. The female climbed up the cliffside to safety; however, she reached a point where she could not go up or back down due to the unstable rocks and crashing waves below. The male stated that he swam parallel to the beach then another wave had washed him back onto another section of the beach. He had climbed

another section of the cliffs to the top. He then advised other travelers at the beach that the female was stuck on the cliffside and those travelers advised emergency services. Sheriff's search and rescue, California State Park rangers, Mid-Coast Volunteer Fire and Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance service assisted in rescuing the female from the cliffside. The male suffered superficial abrasions to his shins and was treated and released on scene by the ambulance personnel. The female did not sustain any injuries.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A San Carlos Street home was burglarized by unknown suspects who gained entry through an unlocked front door. Residence is for sale and may have inadvertently been left open, or the suspects might possess a key. Taken were three 20-inch flat-

screen TV/DVD/VCR combination sets valued at \$600 each.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject on San Carlos Street was arrested on an outstanding warrant and found to be in possession of a crack pipe. Subject, a 57-year-old male, was lodged at

county jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male subject, age 40, taken into custody on Ocean Avenue after a citizen's arrest for challenging to fight. Subject released on citation. Request review for other suspect.

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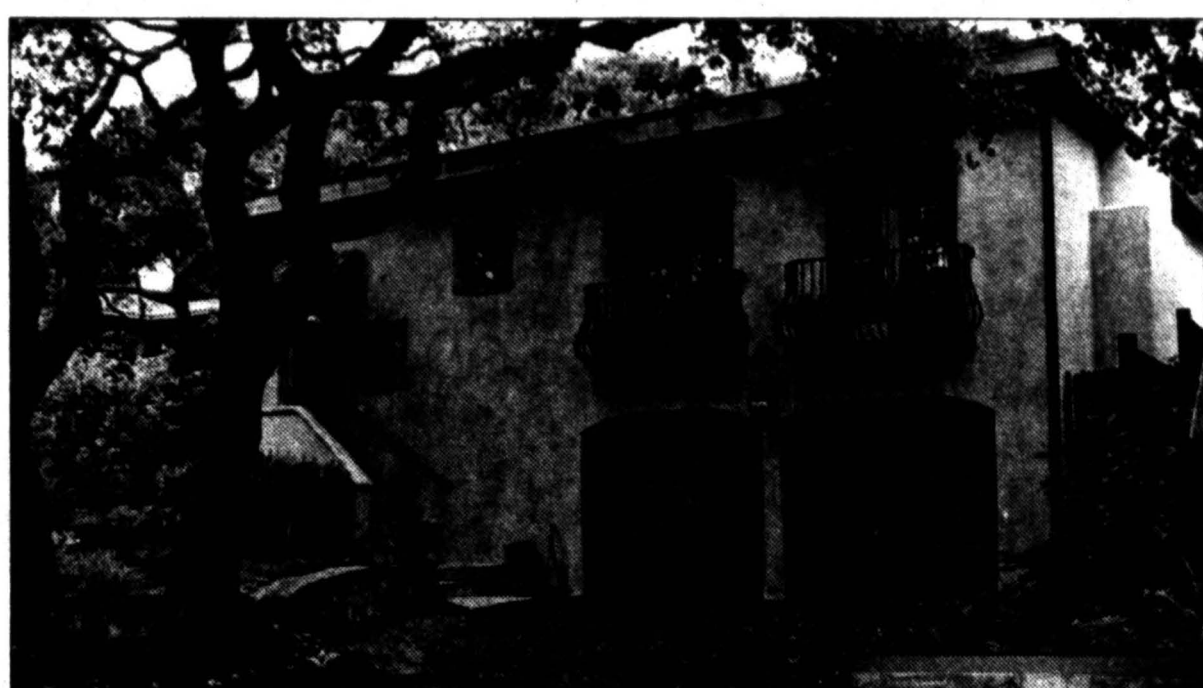
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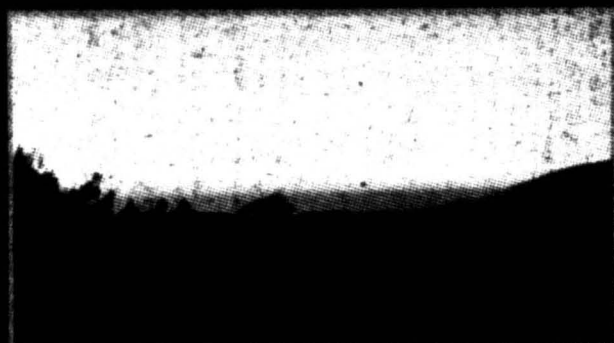
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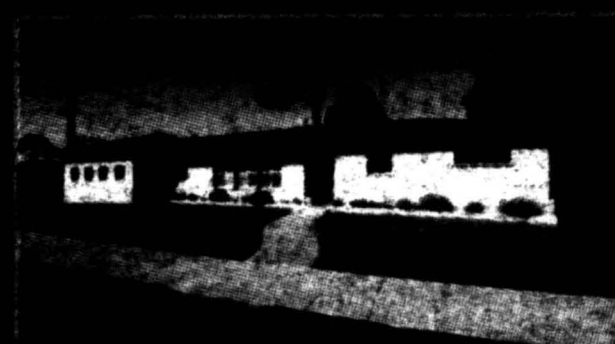
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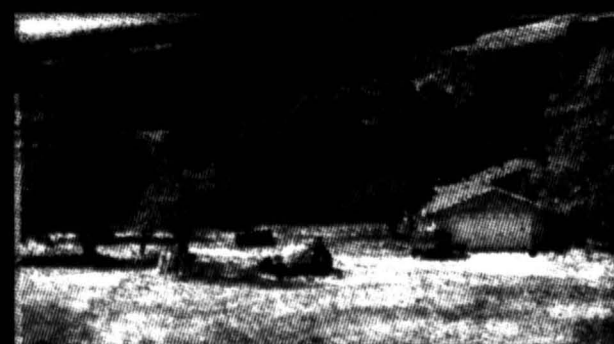
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